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Change in conversion policy may cause fury

DAVID MAKOYSKY

THE final version of the Netanyahu government's guidelines includes a pledge to change the law so that conversions to Judaism performed in Israel must be authorized by the Chief Rabbinate.

Non-Orthodox leaders say this, and possibly other aspects of the coalition deal, are likely to fuel sharp protest in the American Jewish community. (Full text of guidelines, Page 3)

Last November, the High Court of Justice struck down as invalid government regulations which forbade the Interior Ministry from registering as Jews those converted in Israel by non-Orthodox movements. As such, it gave de facto recognition to Reform and Conservative conversions, but refrained from recogthem explicatly and instead turned the matter over to the Knesset for new legislation. So far, the Knesset has not acted.

Moreover, coalition agreements signed between the Likud and the National Religious Party and Shas suggest that the current law will be amended to ensure the non-Orthodox will be barred from serving on local religious councils. The coalition agree-ments also call for the "indefinite" continuation of a ban on the government importing non-kosher meat. Finally, it was agreed a committee will be formed to deal with specific complaints of archeological digs being conduct-(Continued on Page 4)

Yeltsin, Zyuganov face runoff

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin won a narrow first round victory over his communist rival in Russia's election and began trying to lure a law-and-order general over to his side yesterday to help win the run-off.

With 98 percent of the vote counted. Yeltsin led communist arch-foe Gennady Zyuganov by 34.82 percent to 32.13, setting the stage for a decisive second-round ballot, possibly as early as July 3.

Key to success in the runoff appeared to lie with capturing the huge support for tough-talking general Alexander Lebed, 46, who finished in third place with about 10 million votes.

Keen to maximize support, Yeltsin asked the parliament yesterday to bring closer the decisive second round.

His press office said Yeltsin asked the State Duma lower house to pronounce Wednesday, July 3, as an official day off.

President Bill Clinton praised Russians yesterday. "This is a very significant thing for Russia to have this election," Clinton said. "The Russian people are to be complimented and the Russian leadership is to be complimented for supporting the constitution and the elective process."

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Prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu and Prime Minister Shimon Peres at yesterday's ceremonial opening of the 14th Knesset.

New Knesset opens with psalms and fanfare

WITH flowers, fanfare, psalms, and honor guards, the 14th Knesset opened yesterday in the presence of President Ezer Weizman, diplomats, former MKs and ministers, judges, and other dignitaries.

"This honor is mixed with pride." said Weizman in his opening address. "This is the 14th time the State of Israel comes out of the elections presenting the world with its democratic visiting card. For, after all, there is nothing like free elections to express the wishes of the free people in its own country." Weizman said.

"It is the nature of elections in all democratic regimes to sharpen the differences between those competing for the vote. This competition, like all competitions, raises hopes and expectations, creates emotions and tensions, and occato the credit of the citizens of Israel, it should be said that after every election, as the smoke of the propaganda clears, they always accept the law of the ballot booth, as is fitting for an

'enlightened state." A very marked part of Weizman's speech was dedicated to praising outgoing Prime Min-ister Shimon Peres: "I have one short, but big word: "Thanks."

He described Peres as a statesman who has devoted his life to developing Israel in all fields. Weizman also complimented Peres's successor. "To the elected prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, with the handing over of the scep-

ter to your hands, the country's leadership is being handed over to a younger generation." He said Netanyahu's election proves his abilities. "Netanyahu is taking a heavy responsibility upon his shoulders. We all hope that his proven ability to overcome difficult obstacles

will eventually yield the desired results. All the

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prime ministers of the past saw peace as the desired aim.

Weizman called for unity and expressed the wish that the new system of direct elections "proves itself." "This Knesset reflects more than ever the

new Israel, which in recent years absorbed some 700,000 immigrants," Weizman said, from his seat facing the MKs of Yisrael Ba'aliya. It is also the first Knesset to have an Ethiopian-born MK, Adisu Massala (Labor). Peres looked uncomfortable in his temporary

role as Speaker, a position granted him as the oldest MK at 72. He also stressed the need to continue the peace process. "Now we must vision. Most of my years I have dedicated to bringing peace and security to Israel, and from now on, all my efforts, within the Knesset and without, will be dedicated with full force to

Peres quoted David Ben-Gurion and called on the House to maintain reasonable standards of discourse and dialogue and avoid hatred.

The festive session opened with the reading of Psalm 122, also known as the prayer for the peace of Jerusalem, which speaks of "the rebuilt Jerusalem, the city that is united

The reading, a new addition to the opening ceremony, was not in deference to the large number of religious MKs in this Knesset, but a legal requirement following a law submitted by Ze'ev Binyamin Begin (Likud) last year, more for nationalist than religious reasons. The law also obliges the reading of excerpts from the Scroll of Independence, which calls for a state

for Jews, based on freedom, justice, peace, and equal rights for all citizens of all faiths and

The MKs from Arab and far-left parties squirmed as the psalm was read, but the Knesset's first plenum session passed without major incident as each MK in turn repeated "I pledge" to the oath: "I pledge allegiance to the State of Israel and to faithfully fulfill my task in the Knesset."

Taleb a-Sanaa (Democratic Arab Party) made his pledge in Arabic. The absence of new MK Abdul Malik Dahamshe (DAP) was particularly noticeable, but it was apparently explained by a traffic jam. Dahamshe turned up after the ceremony and proceeded to act like a veteran MK - he headed straight for the Knesset cateteria. He was late procedural session chaired by Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi.

The first MK to be sworn in, according to alphabetical order, was Yuli Edelstein (Yisrael Ba'aliya). Five MKs were absent: Dahamshe, Aryeh Deri (Shas), who is abroad; Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism), who was sick; Yona Yahav (Labor), who was attending his wife's doctorate graduation ceremony; and Dan Tichon (Likud). Tichon's absence was apparently a protest move. He left the building shortly after being told he would have to compete against other Likud hopefuls for the Speaker's

Most of the MKs brought their families to witness the swearing in ceremony. The youngest Netanyahu, Yair, spent the ceremony asleep on his mother's lap, and did not even wake up at the sound of Hatikva. As the first session of the 14th Knesset closed, Yair Netanyahu was carried out, eyes still closed.

Netanyahu to present gov't today

SARAH HONIG

PRIME minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu promised to present his new government to the Knesset at 4 p.m. today, but last night no one around him could say with certainty who would hold which portfolio.

More precisely, no job could be found for a humiliated MK Ariel Sharon, and there was uncertainty surrounding the offer of the Finance portfolio to Dan Meridor.

All this followed a day of the most bizarre twists and turns yet seen in the coalition negotiating

Meridor was summoned from his home in mid-morning and informed that Netanyahu had retreated from the idea of appointing Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel as finance minister, and that the portfolio would be his. But by nightfall, this was no longer certain.

On Sunday, Sharon had rejected the Housing portfolio, but was told that Netanyahu would hold it in trust for him. At 9 yesterday morning. Sharon informed Netanyahu that he had decided to take Housing after all. No one indicated there was a problem.

During the Knesset session in the afternoon, however, Sharon was shown a copy of the coalition agreement with United Torah Judaism, which stipulated very clearly that the ministry would

remain in Netanyahu's hands, but would be run by a UTJ deputv minister.

A short investigation revealed that the deal with UTJ was sealed five hours before Sharon called Netanyahu. But no one bothered to tell him that he was too late and that the portfolio was no longer available. Sharon was left in a huff, and those close to him said that he cannot understand why he is being treated in such a

fashion. No one around Netanyahu could come up with an explanation either, and near-frantic attempts were underway to solve what was dubbed "the Sharon problem.

Among the creative solutions offered was dividing Housing, with half going to UTJ and the other to Sharon. However, if Sharon was unenthusiastic about the entire portfolio, he is unlikely to settle for half of it, especially after the shabby treatment accorded him.

UTJ, which fought hard for the portfolio, is also unlikely to let go of a half.

Another idea was that UTI be given the Religious Affairs portfolio, and in return let Sharon have Housing. However Religious Affairs is already held jointly by the National Religious Party and Shas, who had agreed to share it in rotation.

The NRP said it is ready to make the sacrifice just to get (Continued on Page 9)

New PM finally gets his majority

BINYAMIN Netanyahu finally cobbled together a coalition yesterday afternoon, minutes before the new Knesset was summoned to its first session - or so it seemed.

United Torah Judaism appeared to have made a deal and signed the agreement, but until late last night no one in the Likud had an inkling as to whether the new government was really getting the partnership of the entire four-man UTJ faction or just of two of its MKs.

For its part, the Likud was trying hard to back out of the deal which gave the Housing portfolio to UTJ - no matter how many UTJ MKs it applied to. The Likud wanted the portfolio back, so it could give it to MK Ariel Sharon, who informed Netanyahu yesterday morning that he was

willing to accept it. In their rush to complete the agreement before the new Knesset was installed. Likud negotiators failed to notice that only one of the two factions which comprise UTJ showed up for the signing. MKs Avraham Ravitz and Moshe Gafni of Degel Hatorah. which follows Rabbi Eliezer Schach, did not attend the ceremony. Only MKs Meir Porush and Shmuel Halpert, who represent Agudat Yisrael, were there.

Gafni later warned that Porush's signature does not bind Degel Hatorah. At the last minute, Schach raised a new demand -the Religious Affairs portfolio,

which the National Religious Party and Shas had been fighting over for the past two weeks. They finally agreed to share it in rotation, although they are still quarreling over who will go first. Likud officials were stunned at

the possibility that a powerful ministry had been given to a two-man faction. And the Housing Ministry is not all UTJ got. It also picked up the chairmanship of the powerful Knesset Finance Committee, and a promise that "the sensitivities of residents in neighborhoods which are largely religious would be respected.

This is taken to mean that Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan might soon be closed on Shabbat and

Another undertaking is that new municipal elections will be held in Bnei Brak within six months. The city is now being run by an appointed committee.

The Likud would like to keep Housing for Sharon, perhaps by giving UTJ Religious Affairs instead. This would please Degel Hatorah, but might upset Aguda. The NRP is willing to yield the portfolio to enable Sharon to join the government, but Shas has yet

to agree.
While nothing is clear as far as Aguda is concerned, Yisrael Ba'aliya is firmly in the coalition, and that is what matters most to Netanyahu, for it gives him the Knesset majority he needs.

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Guidelines spur Arab states to get tough with Israel

STATE-RUN Syrian Radio said that the just-issued Netanyahu government guidelines are an "announcement of war against

peace." (Story, Page 2) Even assuming this is hyperbole, one should certainly not expect an easy ride at the first Arab summit in six years that convenes later this week. Nor should one expect to find a clear-cut basis for the US to press for the resumption of peace talks between Israel and

While the US has urged the Arabs "not to close doors" and not to prejudge prime minister-elect Bin-yamin Netanyahu, since campaign rhetoric is often different from government policy, it was hoping that the guidelines wouldn't be as explicit as the ones that were re-

There are fears that the hardline

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axis of Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara may now feel that the Netanyahu government has given them material with which to seek a tougher approach in dealing with Israel than that favored by Jordan and some Gulf

Furthermore, Syria has said frequently that it will not negotiate with Israel if it declares that it intends to retain sovereignty over any part of the Golan. Yitzhak Rabin began his tenure by saying 'withdrawal on the Golan, but not from the Golan," but dropped the second half of that sentence very quickly. It is hard to see how the

Netanyahu government will be providing the US any diplomatic "wiggle room" to persuade the Syrians that its guidelines make Syrian control of the Golan even

ing Ministry will remind Arabs of his last tenure there, when he was the architect of Israel's settlement policies, which brought the last Likud government on a collision course with the US.

remotely possible. Finally, the possible appoint-ment of Ariel Sharon to the Hous-

Arab commentators have warned against what they call Netanyahu's "three nos": No to giving up the Golan, to Palestinian statehood, and to sharing sover-

Nature's Champagne

eignty in Jerusalem. Below are some of the main points in the guidelines that Moussa and Shara are likely to seize upon: Insistence on Israeli sovereignty

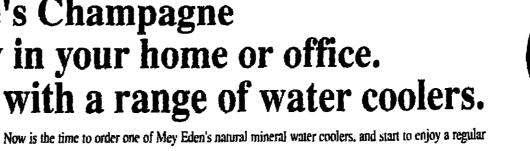
on the Golan as part of a deal with Moreover, the coalition agreement between Labor and The Third Way calls for greater resources to be allocated to reinforcing settlement on the Golan

Opposition to a Palestinian

 Antagonism to the return of Palestinian refugees to the territories. An undivided Jerusalem will remain Israel's "exclusive capital." (This was also endorsed by Labor in 1992.)

 Sentlements, albeit unspecified will be bolstered in the territories. (Continued on Page 2)

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Syria: Netanyahu risks war

DAMASCUS (Reuter) - Syria blasted prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu in its various official media yesterday, saying his government's platform risked sparking a regional war and

was full of hate towards Arabs. "If the new.Israeli prime minister sought to apply his election platform in its current status, that means he is putting an end to the peace process and sparking all factors of struggle, wars and violence in the region because Arabs will never give up their rights,"

the newspaper Tishreen said. The form of the new Israeli government goes to show...that the region is approaching anything but peace," wrote al-Baath, the newspaper of Syria's ruling party.

Netanyahu's program, which is full of hate towards Arabs, and his insistence on keeping Arab lands is enough proof to convince everybody that the Israeli expansionist and aggressive policy is escalating," it added.

"Syria will not go back one inch on its demand for full Israeli

withdrawal from the Golan, south Lebanon and the rest of the occupied Arab lands," Tishreen said.

"Moreover, Syria considers the Golan withdrawal the key for peace in the whole region," it added.

Al-Baath said this week's Arab summit would stress that Arab countries wanted peace "that would return all of their rights because this will be the real peace that would provide security and stability to everybody".

"The Cairo summit will not

close its doors to peace...but rather it will protect the peace process from the attempts to sabotage it," Syria Radio added. "Arabs will give Israel, if it really wants peace, the chance to revive and speed up the talks.

"If Israel does not clearly reciprocate on the basis of a just and comprehensive peace, and continues its aggressive and expansionist policies, it shall bear the responsibility for returning the region to tensions and explosions," the radio said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two killed in road accidents

A man was killed yesterday morning when his car crashed head-on into a truck on the Yokne'am-Zichron Ya'acov road. Police said the accident happened not far from Bat Shlomo, when

opposite lane and collided with the oncoming truck.

Another fatal accident occurred near Peki'in in the Galilee last night. Police reported that a car pulled off the road, went out of control and overturned. One person was killed and two others in the car were badly injured.

the car traveling toward Yokne'am suddenly swerved into the

Earlier in the day, on the road between Hadera and the Barkai junction, five people were lightly to moderately hurt when a car collided with a truck.

Boy drowns off Haifa beach

The body of nine-year-old Ashto Beina, who disappeared after he went swimming off Haifa's Carmel beach on Saturday afternoon, was found yesterday on the shore not far from where he went missing. Police and volunteers were involved in widespread searches for the youngster when his family reported that he had failed to return on Saturday evening to his home on the Neveh Carmel caravan site, south of Haifa.

Screening test for colon cancer launched Kupat Holim Clalit has launched a program to screen people over the age of 50, and others at high risk, for colon cancer. The health fund is encouraging members to undergo a simple test to detect

occult blood in the stools. Each year, some 1,600 new cases of colon cancer are diagnosed

here. Unless treated early, many of them are fatal, but if caught at a preliminary stage, polyps and tumors can be easily removed by endoscopy.

Dr. Gad Rennert, director of the health fund's community medicine and epidemiology department, said cancer of the large intestine and rectum is now the most common cancer in the country. Occult blood in the stools can be a sign of the problem.

Barak takes leave of diplomatic corps Foreign Minister Ehud Barak bid farewell yesterday to the diplomatic corps, at a reception in Jerusalem attended by some 60 ambassadors. Noticeably absent was Jordanian Ambassador Omar

Barak said he was proud of the achievements of the Rabin-Peres government, and was convinced that Israel had to take measured risks for peace. However, he added, "it take two to tango. The Arabs must also take positive steps to advance the peace process. Israel will never give in to outside pressure, with regard to anything that concerns its vital interests and security."

Jordan: Israelis can't come with cell-phones Jordan has barred travelers from Israel from bringing in cellular telephones to curb "enormous" losses the kingdom's network was suffering because of widespread use of the Israeli instruments, an official said yesterday.

Yousef Abu Jamous, director of the Telecommunications Corporation's Regularity Commission, said border authorities have been instructed to allow only official delegates to keep their mobile phones when they cross into Jordan.

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Likud to choose new Knesset speaker today

THE Likud faction is scheduled to meet today to decide who will be the speaker of the 14th Knesset, with Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Dan Tichon, Naomi Blumenthal and Shani Amor the leading candidates.

Tichon, who did not attend the new Knesset's swearing-in ceremony yesterday, was said to have boycotted it to protest the fact that he is not the only candidate for the post, and it is possible he will withdraw his

candidacy.

Ben-Elissar is considered the most likely candidate, though there has been a public

lobby by women's groups and prominent women for Blumenthal. The vote will be secret and prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu will participate. If the faction succeeds in electing a speaker, he or she will take up the post before today's session at which the government is expected to be presented.

Yesterday, the Likud faction held a short meeting, during which Netanyahu apolo-gized for keeping the MKs in the dark

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about the coalition and cabinet negotia-

"I know you have been through an unusual two weeks, when all of us were entrenched in the work of building [the coalition.] There wasn't always a way for me to let you participate in what was going on and I know it naturally gave rise to questions and doubts. I promise you, this was done only for work reasons and with full respect for each and everyone of you.

of the country," Netanyahu said. Ariel Sharon and Ze'ev Begin did not attend the meeting. Dan Meridor made a last-minute entrance, refusing to talk to the waiting

reporters. Netanyaim said he hoped to pass the socalled Norwegian Law, which would oblige ministers to resign as MKs and free up some more places for Likud members lower down on the party's Knesset list. The new opposition is promising to mobilize against the Norwegian Law.

New MKs attend swearing-in ceremony

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NEW MKS accompanied by their families were greeted with flowers as they entered the Knesset for yesterday's swearing-in ceremony. The floral tribute, courtesy of the Flower Growers Association, was probably the warmest welcome they will get in the House for the next four years.

Knesset ushers, in dress uniform, constantly consulted picture charts to check the identities of the new rulers of the land and looked relieved when they spotted a familiar face.

Even those who did their homework made mistakes. New Labor MK Sofia Landver, one of the nine women MKs, was wrongly identified as "someone's wife." While Alex Lubotsky (The Third Way) noted that most people thought he was part of Natan Sharansky's Yisrael Ba'aliya because he "is new and has a

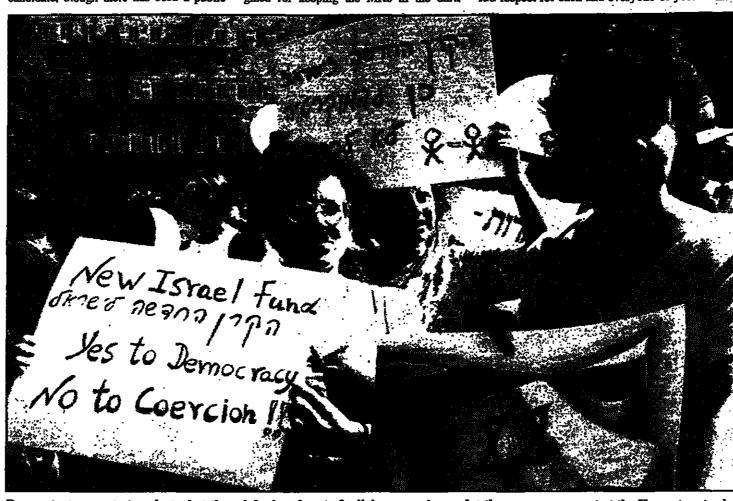
Russian-sounding name."
The MKs and ministers who have to adapt to a new opposition role tried to put on a brave face, but for most it was a grimace, not a smile with which they greeted the victors. "I have spent many, many years in the opposition and I'm highly trained in it," said Yossi Sarid, who is losing his Environment Ministry post for the opposition benches. "I'm not happy about it, but we're prepared to execute our work in the Knesset."

Naomi Chazan (Meretz) said she rejoiced in "the opportunity to really start criticizing the govern-

Emotions among the MKs of the winning parties were predictably happier. Asked how she felt, Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) said "wonderful." Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) described his predominant feeling as "tired" but was quick to point out it isn't late-night coalition talks or newfound responsibility keeping him awake at nights. It's the combinanon ot a newdom dai pressure of moving homes this

Former deputy head of the General Security Service and new Likud MK Gideon Ezra was not sure about how he would survive the change from the security to the political world but was confident he would cope.

"I can't tell yet because it's only the first day, but I don't think you should change yourself because you are in a new place. You have to act according to your



Demonstrators protest against what they claim is a threat of religious coercion under the new government at the Knesset yesterday.

Protesters demand religious pluralism, women's rights

SOME 250 people, representing liberal activist groups, women's organizations, and the Reform and Conservative movements, demonstrated outside the Knesset during yesterday's opening plenum demanding religious pluralism and equal rights for women.

"This is a wall-to-wall coalition of different groups and interests joining together to show the special threat posed by the ultra-Orthodox parties," said Rabbi Uri Regev, the head of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center. "The religious parties can't seem to agree on anything other than their hatred of anything that smells of pluralism."

He added that he was particularly concerned by the parties' plans to try to circumvent recent Supreme Court rulings on issues relating to

YOCHI DREAZEN

religion.
"The biggest threat is their general intent to uphold the status-quo by uprooting Supreme Court decisions," he said.

Zamira Segev, one of the protest's organizers and executive-director of the Coalition for Freedom of Religion, Science, and Culture, said, "Our aim is to send a message to the elected prime minister that we won't accept his surrender to the religious parties," she added.

The protest, sponsored by a new group called the Freedom Coalition, was attended by several people from abroad, who are concerned about the effect religious coercion would have on Israel-Diaspora relations.

"Many of us come from countries where Jews are respected as a minority," said Martin Elton, a university professor from the US. "It's a tragedy that when Jews are the majority, there's so little respect for minorities and

Many of the protesters expressed disappointment that the number of women MKs fell from 12 to nine, and that only the Likud's Limor Livnat seemed likely to serve in the cabinet.

"Women still aren't thought of as a constituency which the major parties must relate to in order to gain power," said Alice Shalvi, head of the Israel Women's Network. "It's especially galling because the last Knesset was so extraordinary in passing legislation on

Green groups rap Environment, Agriculture Ministry merger

THE Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and other environmentalist groups held a small demonstration outside the Knesset yesterday to protest plans to merge the Environment and Agriculture ministries.

"All the achievements which have have been made regarding the environment in the last few years will go to waste," said SPNI chairman Yoav Sagi. "Under the previous government, the Environment Ministry developed and reached a certain stand-

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ing and recognition which allowed it to operate professionally and properly. It would be a pity if under the Likud, which established the ministry, the environment and quality of life be allowed to deteriorate and return to its previous state."

Sagi said only preserving the Environment Ministry's independence can ensure that it will continue to bring environmental protection here up to international

"There is a conflict of interests between the Environment and Agriculture ministries, particularly these days when there is tremendous pressure to rezone agricultural land.

Today, the Environment Ministry is the last brake against pressures by owners of agricultural land to rezone it and bring about unsupervised land development, like that noted in the

Kadmon Report on industrial development on moshavim." Sagi also noted that the Environment Ministry does crucial monitoring of the quality of underground

"Only in recent months has the mistake of years been rectified and the Nature Reserves Authority been moved from the Agriculture to the Environment Ministry. It is unthinkable that a new government should turn the wheels of time backward," Sagi

Proposed justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman - an expert in financial law

attorney Ya'acov Ne'eman as justice minister seems to show that prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu is serious about making economic reform a top priority for the new govern-

Unlike Justice Minister David Liba'i, whose field of expertise is criminal law, Ne'eman is a specialist in corporate, financial, and tax law, and co-authored one of the standard works on the latter subject. His views on what needs to be done about the economy are also very similar to Netanyahu's. However, despite his acknowledged expertise, his track record on implementing his ideas has

not been unmixed. Ne'eman, 54, is Orthodox Jew and has for many years been associated with the National Religious Party. In 1979, he authored an economic platform for the party which called for accelerated sale of state companies, capital market reform, freeing up state land to ease the housing crisis, and canceling taxes on imported building materials - a program which Netanyahu would

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Also, the "Greater Jerusalem

• Negotiations with the Palestin-

ian Authority (PA) on the final

disposition of the territories is con-

tingent upon the PA living up to its

commitments. In contrast, there is

no mention of Israel adhering to

commitments made by previous

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governments

THE proposed appointment of be happy to implement in its entirety. Like Netanyahu, Ne'eman has also consistently favored lowering income taxes, cutting budgets, reducing the number of government employees, and reducing bureaucracy.

This ideological bent, combined with 15 years of experience as a partner in the prestigious corporate law firm of Herzog-Fox-Ne'eman, make him a good choice to oversee the drafting of legislation to achieve to this pro-However, Ne'eman was not

especially effective in implementing these goals as directorgeneral of the Finance Ministry, a position he held from 1979-81. Not only was his ministry unsuccessful in curbing the rampant hyperinflation of those years, but the Bejski Commission found him to be one of the figures responsible for the 1983 bank shares collapse.

Ne'eman also served on the board of El Al during those years - a time when the airline's financial position worsened steadily, until it finally collapsed and went into receivership in 1982.

An aide to Netanyahu last night

insisted that the new guidelines do

not end negotiations with Syria

and that there is no inherent con-

tradiction between its call for talks

with Damascus "without precondi-

tions" and the following categoric

statement: "Retaining Israeli sov-

ereignty over the Golan will be the

basis for an arrangement with Syr-

ia." This reference to the Golan is

a toughening of an earlier version

of the guidelines made public by

BACKGROUND **EVELYN GORDON**

However, he is one of only two directors to have voted against what later proved to be a disastrous wage agreement. Another area in which

Ne'eman is likely to be useful to Netanyahu is in the thorny area of religious-secular relations, since he is trusted by both sides. His sympathy with religious interests runs deep. As far back as 1972, while serving as chairman of Bar-Ilan University's Law School, Ne'eman proposed a bill to give large families certain financial benefits - something which the religious parties have worked ever since to pass, finally succeeding during the last Knesset In contrast, Likud MK Dan

Meridor, the other main contender for the post, is viewed with some suspicion by these parties, since he who introduced the hated basic laws to the Knesset, as Yitzhak Shamir's justice minister. However, Ne'eman also has a

the Likud parliamentary office last

The aide said, "there is a funda-

mental difference between the po-

sitions of the parties and the rules

of negotiations. Here the Likud

government does not impose its

views on the rules of negotiations

and therefore, leaves the door

open to continuing diplomatic

speech by Netanyahu in the Knes-

It would take an important

initiatives."

GET TOUGH

and Trade Minister Micha Harish appointed him to head a commission on encouraging film production, and former interior minister Uzi Baram (Labor) placed him at the head of a committee investigating financial irregularities in Bnei Brak. This committee ultimately recommended that the city's elected council be replaced

every side of the House. Industry

opponent of the judicial activism represented by Supreme Court President Aharon Barak - something which may have contributed to the rejection of his candidacy for a seat on the Supreme Court in 1982. However, the major factor behind his rejection was apparently the fact that, if appointed, he would have brought the number of Orthodox justices up to four out

by an appointed one until its

Ne'eman is also considered an

finances were straightened out.

The one major scandal in Ne'eman's career was his involvement in the Bus 300 affair, in which the General

set today to convince Arabs he

remains the pragmatic candidate

who ran on the slogan that he will

make a "safe peace."

proven ability to get along well with secular politicians from Security Service shot two captured terrorists and then lied about it. Ne'eman helped broker a deal whereby then GSS chief Avraham Shalom and three assistants were given a blanket pardon without even being charged, in exchange for Shalom's resigna-tion. The deal, which spared the government the necessity of investigating the affair, was made without the knowledge of then attorney-general Yosef Harish, and was sharply criticized by jurists as undermining the rule of law and the office of the attorney-general.

Ne'eman was also handled the late Robert Maxwell's business dealings here. However, despite the dubiousness of Maxwell's business practices elsewhere. there has been no suspicion of any irregularities in his Israeli operations.
Ne'eman is married with six

children, and lives in Jerusalem, in the Jewish Quarter of the Old

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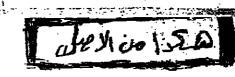
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The new government's guidelines

THE government presented to the Knesset will act on the premise that the right of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel is eternal and indisputable, that the State of Israel is the state of the Jewish people, whose democratic govenument guarantees equality for all its citizens, and whose main goal is the ingathering and inte-gration of the lewish people. The striving for national unity,

social justice, and personal liberty, and the search for genuine peace with all our neighbors, while safeguarding national and personal security, shall serve as the basis for the government's policies.

The s vernment will work to achieve in. following goals: 1. Achieving peace with all our neighbors, while safeguarding national and personal security.

2. Reinforcing the status of Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the Jewish people. 3. Increasing immigration to Israel, and integrating new immi-

grants in all walks of life. 4. Creating conditions for a free, thriving economy and social

5. Strengthening, broadening and developing settlement in 6. Promoting values of the State

of Israel as a Jewish, democratic state, while maintaining a proper balance between the will of the majority and the rights of individual and minorities.

7. Broadening education and strengthening the bond to Jewish heritage and the realization of

PEACE, SECURITY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. The government of Israel will work to broaden the circle of peace withall of its neighbors, for the good of Israel's citizens and the region's inhabitants, while safeguarding Israel's vital inter-

2. The government will reinforce and develop its peaceful relations with Egypt and Jordan. 3. The government will conduct negotiations with Syria without pre-conditions.

4. The government will work to raise the level of relations with other Arab countries which have connections with Israel: Oatar, Oman, Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania, and will work towards mutual recognition and cooperation with Arab countries with which Israel does not have diplomatic relations.

5. The government will use all means at its disposal to bring home the prisoners of war and missing in action and all those who worked for the security of the state, and will insist on this point during negotiations with all relevant parties.

6. The government will negotiate with the Palestinian Authority, with the intent of reaching a permanent arrangement, on the condition that the Palestinians fulfill all their commitments fully. 7. The government will propose

to the Palestinians an arrangement whereby they will be able to conduct their lives freely within the framework of self-government. The government will oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state or any foreign sovereignty west of the Jordan River, and will oppose "the right of return" of Arab populations to any part of the Land of Israel west of the Jordan River. 8. In any political arrangement,

Israel shall insist on ensuring the existence and security of Jewish settlements and their affinity with the State of Israel. The government will continue to bear full responsibility for the Jewish settlements and their residents. 9. The government views the

Golan Heights as essential to the security of the state and its water resources. Retaining Israeli sovereignty over the Golan will be the basis for an arrangement with 10. The State of Israel will keep

strengthening the Israel Defense Forces and other security forces to deter potential enemies, prevent war, and defend the state and its citizens. 11. The government will exer-

cise its right to use the IDF and security forces to act against the threat of terrorism everywhere, to ensure the well being of the country's residents and the Jewish peo-

12. The government will act to remove the threat to the northern border and will ensure economic development to residents of the 13. The government's privatiza-

tion policy will take into account the essential nature of the defense industries to the country's securi-

14. The government will promote Israel's foreign relations to enhance its security and peace, and to further the goal of economic and cultural growth.

15. The government will nurture its special, close relationship with the United States, on the basis of the commitment of both to the values of liberty, justice, democracy, and the commonality of their

16. The government will act to strengthen relations with Russia and other CIS states, bearing in mind Russia's status in the international community and the interests shared by Israel and these

17. The government will continue efforts to have Israel added as an associate member of the European Union, and will act to strengthen its ties with Europe. 18. The government will

strengthen its relations in all spheres with countries in East Asia, especially economic ties with the fast-developing market in 19. The government will strive

to develop relations with all countries desiring peace and will increase Israel's involvement in international organizations. 20. The government will initiate

and cooperate in international efforts against terrorist organizations and those countries which shelter and aid such organiza-

21. The government will act with determination against any manifestation of antisemitism throughout the world, and will work to enhance the ties and mutual responsibility between Israel and Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

JERUSALEM

1. Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, is one city, whole and undivided, and will remain forever under Israel's sovereignty.

2. Freedom of worship and access to the holy places will be guaranteed to members of all faiths.

3. The government will thwart any attempt to undermine the unity of Jerusalem, and will provent any action which is counter to Israel's exclusive sovereignty over the city.

4. The government of Israel, through its ministries and through the Jerusalem Municipality, will allocate special resources to speed up building, improve municipal services for Jewish, Arab, and other residents, and to reinforce the social and economic status of the Jerusalem metropolitan area.

RELIGION AND STATE

1. The government will act to bring the religious and secular closer through mutual understanding and respect. The government will retain the stams quo on religious matters. Whenever it becomes clear that the status quo was violated, the government will look into steps to undo the change, including introducing

Judaism in Israel will be recognized only if approved by the Chief Rabbinate. 3. The government will initiate

research into the history of the Land of Israel and the Jewish People, including archeological excavation, while preserving the dignity of the dead.

4. The government will make prayer arrangements for Jews at holy sites in accordance to the guidelines of religious law.

IMMIGRATION AND **ABSORPTION**

1. Recognizing the shared fate and the joint struggle for the exis-tence of the Jewish people, and to achieve the main goal of the State of Israel - the ingathering of the Jewish people in its homeland the government will act with determination to increase immigration from all countries, rescue persecuted Jews, and create social and economic conditions for a speedy and successful integration of immigrants. 2. The government will put

immigration and absorption at the top of its priorities in the belief that effective action on its part will turn Israel into a center which will draw immigrants from prosperous and deprived countries alike. The government will initiate a strategic, long-term program to tap the immigration potential from various countries, estimated at one million immigrants in the coming decade.

3. The government will work to bridge the gaps between new immigrants and veteran residents. and will create conditions to facilitate their smooth and successful integration into Israeli society. The government will work through information, education, and law enforcement to prevent calumny and slander against immigrant groups or individuals on the basis of their origin, and will deal with manifestations of discrimination or mistreatment of immigrants by the government bureaucracy.

4. The government will introduce legislation to ensure the rights of immigrants.

5. The government will work to bring to Israel Ethiopians who wish to immigrate and are eligible under law or government deci-

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES Economics

1. To stem the continuous dangerous growth in the state budget deficit, the government will take steps to decrease the deficit, not by raising taxes, but by cutting expenditures, and strict budgerary policies. To increase revenue, the government will significantly

expand privatization, including the sale of land, while reducing the government's involvement in the economy.

2. The government will act to establish conditions which will provide economic stability, durable growth, the reduction of inflation, and continued structural

3. The government will halt the current policies which have created dangerous deficits in the balance of trade and the balance of payments, and will take all necessary steps to reduce them.

4. Israel's economy is small, and dependent on foreign trade. Its successful development is conditioned on specialization in sec-tors in which it has a relative advantage, and which allows it to produce and export high quality products and services at a competitive price. This requires exposure to world markets and the cancellation of limitations and tariffs to strengthen the economy's ability to compete.

5. The government will strengthen exposure and liberalization policies in the capital and financial markets, as well as in the

6. The government will fight inflation by reducing government expenditures, decreasing the state budget, establishing conditions for increasing productivity, and through appropriate monetary

7. The government will implement privatization policies and will transfer its control in business enterprises - including statutory authorities and the banks - to the public and to the private sector. 8. The government will encour-

age competition in the economy with the goal of allowing consumers to purchase a variety of products and services at competitive prices set by the free market, rather than as a result of intervention by government or political party apparatuses. 9. To increase the economic

growth, the government will act to create conditions for the development of small and mediumsized enterprises. 10. The government will do its utmost to restore faith in the capi-

tal market, and will encourage increased savings. 11. The government will strengthen government structures and reduce the bureaucracy. Social Welfare

1. Development of the economy and growth will facilitate the construction of a strong society, a fair 2. The Law of Conversion shall distribution of the tax burden, the be changed so that conversions to creation of new jobs, and an increase in aid to the disadvantaged. The government will act rigorously to reduce poverty through education, employment, and social renewal. 2. The government will work to

create social justice and equal opportunity for all, while recognizing that every person has the right to dignity and quality of life. The government will strive to create a strong society in Israel, by maintaining balance encouraging private enterprise and government involvement 3. The government will - as its

first priority - put in place a comprehensive program to solve the housing problems of young couples and large families, to allow them to purchase apartments at reasonable prices. The government will also work to build rental apartments for young couples and large families in accordance with criteria set by the government. 4. The government will examine

the disposition of Israel's health services and the way in which the National Health Insurance Law has been implemented, as well as its implications. The government will - through legislation - initiate changes and additions to improve health services.

5. The government will significantly promote social welfare and quality of life in development towns and increase efforts to rehabilitate distressed neigh-

6. The government will improve the welfare of the individual, strive for full employment, and ensure basic living conditions for 7. The government recognizes

that priority should be given to senior citizens and recognizes its obligation to improve the quality of life for senior citizens in need in the areas of housing, nursing care, and the granting of benefits and relief in accordance to criteria to be determined. 8. The government will work to establish pension insurance on a

stable actuarial base, which will facilitate pension payments at the level required to maintain a suitable standard of living. 9. The government will implement assistance programs for the handicapped with the goal of giving them suitable living condi-

integration into society. 10. The government will act to aid discharged soldiers in the spheres of higher education, employment, and housing.
11. The government will wage

tions for their rehabilitation and

an uncompromising war against the plague of drugs as a national mission of the utmost importance and will allocate the resources necessary to this end.

The Fight Against Traffic Accidents

The human, social and economic damage of traffic accidents in Israel is relatively much greater than in other developed countries. Contributing to this are the human component, deficient infrastructures, the absence of complementary inter-urban and urban mass transit, deficient legislation, and partial enforcement of existing laws. The government will devote special attention to this issue, and will budget all the resources required to decrease the number of accidents.

infrastructure 1. The government will initiate publicly and privately funded projects for investment in physical and human infrastructure in the spheres of transportation, energy and communications, education, and research and development, with the aim of creating the environment necessary for the Israeli economy to join those of the developed countries of the world.

2. The government will act for the gradual construction of an advanced, wide-band infrastructure between a number of focal points across the country, and will initiate a unification of computer communications networks, currently operated by commercial firms, universities, and public bodies, into one network. The national computer communications carrier will be connected to international sites on extensive and fast communications lines.

3. The government will develop government databases and encourage the establishment of private databases, which together will constitute a national information infrastructure, open to public use through computers. The Environment

1. The government will raise environmental issues to the top of the national agenda, and act to enhance public consciousness regarding the preservation of the environment as an integral part of the struggle to preserve the country and out of a desire to build in it a healthy and prosperous society of values. 2. The government will give pri-

ority to preserving the country's natural resources: its water, air, soil, flora, and fauna. The government will initiate basic environ-' mental legislation, in place of and in addition to current regulations. 3. The government will give

high priority to waste recycling projects and to the establishment of waste water purification plants. 4. Government ministries will operate with strict adherence to a toward the full integration of policy of preserving green areas SETTLEMENT

1. Settlement in the Negev, the Galilee, the Golan Heights, the Jordan Valley, and in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza is of national importance to Israel's defense and an expression of Zionist fulfillment. The government will alter the settlement policy, act to consolidate and develop the settlement enterprise in these areas, and allocate the resources necessary

2. The government will safeguard its vital water supplies from water sources on the Golan Heights and in Judea and Samaria. 3. The government will examine

the difficulties facing private farms, moshavim, and kibbutzim and propose recovery plans that will allow them to exist as independent economic entities under free market conditions.

4. The government will uncompromisingly combat all attempts to impair the rights of all residents to exercise their full civil and economic rights, without forced mediation by - or dependence on - any union, movement, organization, or party.

STATUS OF WOMEN 1. The government will create the conditions for the full and equal integration of women into all areas of life, and will also work to ensure equal opportunities for both genders in the areas of employment and salary. The govemment will strive to improve the status of women, and to eradicate all forms of discrimination.

aid to single-parent families in 3. The government will act to achieve genuine representation for women in all decision-making

2. The government will increase

centers in the country. 4. The government will treat. with special gravity, all forms of violence against women and fight to uproot it. It will act to deepen public awareness of the severity of the problem, and allocate resources to education, information, and deterrent activities.

5. The government will assist women who have been harmed by violence, with the goal of restor-ing their physical and mental health, reviving their honor, and returning them to full functioning free from threats and fear of vio-

QUALITY OF GOVERNMENT

1: The government will act in accordance with the fundamental principles of democratic rule, and respect the status and decisions of



Zerah Warhaftig (left) and Meir Wilner, two surviving signers of the Scroll of Independence, look, at the document, which was placed in the Knesset's Chagall Hall yesterday in a short ceremony. The scroll had been in the National Archives. The inauguration took place at the opening of the new-Knesset. Among the guests of honor were President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Shimon Peres... and prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu. (Text: List Collins; Photo: Isaac Harari)

the bodies supervising it: the Knesset, the courts, the state comptroller, and the attorney-gen-

2. The government will preserve freedom of expression. It recognizes the importance of a fair and balanced media as part of the democratic system.

3. The government will uphold the law, act with integrity, demonstrate responsible management. and maintain strict efficiency and frugality. The allocation of resources, subsidies and grants from the State Treasury and holdings will be effected in accordance with reasonable and equal criteria, and will be accompanied by supervision over the activities of beneficiaries according to their commitments and the purposes of

4. The government views its agencies and employees as servants of the citizens of the state, with a profound commitment to civil rights, including the right to information and to fair, efficient, and polite service. The government will cultivate these principles among its employees. 5. The government will promote

voluntarism and civilian involvement in governance, and will instill the values of democracy and good citizenship in the young generation through the education systems.

MINORITIES 1. The government will act minorities intoevery area. Special

efforts will be made for the advancement of minorities which have joined their fate with that of the Jewish people and the State of Israel, and have served in the security forces.

2. The government will act to enlarge the budgets of local Arab authorities which require improved basic infrastructures, in an effort to reduce gaps between them and other communities.

3. Efforts will be made to absorb minority academics, particularly those who have completed military duties in the service of the state, in public institutions, in order to continue their participation in public and official responsibility for the state they served in the security services.

1. The government views education as a central factor in shaping the character of the young generation. It offers momentum for closing gaps and for preventing polarization within society. Education will be grounded in the eternal values of the Jewish tradition, Zionist and Jewish consciousness, and universal values. 2. The Book of Books - the Bible - the Hebrew language, and

the history of the Jewish people are the foundation stones of our national identity, and will take their rightful place in the education of the young generation. 3. The education establishment will put an emphasis on offering a general education that will prepare the young generation for the technological world, and give them the tools for humanistic, democratic judgment regarding's the society in which they live. 4. An extended school day will

be gradually implemented in elementary and secondary schools. and priority will be given to schools in development towns and neighborhoods. The government will

strengthen the youth movements and promote youth participation in such movements, in an effort to strengthen their connection to the country and the state. 6. The government will create the conditions for cultural and

artistic development, within which artists will be able to find expression regardless of their political views. 7. The government will foster the status of the teacher in society.

8. The government will act to promote original Israeli creations in the areas of culture and art. 9. The government will promote physical education as an important factor in forming the person-

alities of the young generation, 10. The government will promote competitive sport as a motivating factor in the active involvement of youths and adults in the various sports, ensuring appropriate economic conditions to enable outstanding athletes to register achievements in international are-

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Boys Town's Beren Institute for Torah and Technology dedicated

FOUR years ago, at the age of 87, Israel Henry Beren came to Jerusalem for the first time in his life to dedicate the Boys Town Torah Center in memory of his late brother Harry. Yesterday, his nephew. Robert, returned the favor. He came to Jerusalem to dedicate the Israel Henry Beren Institute of Torah and Technology at Boys Town. "The relationship our family has

with Boys Town goes back more than 30 years," said Robert Beren, a Kansas-based oil producer and philanthropist. This institute gives students knowledge in Torah and technology that can be applied to real-life problems."

At a dedication ceremony yesterday, Beren, who is in Jerusalem together with his daughters Nancy and Amy, his grandson Theodore, his sister Lela and her husband. Dr. Norman Jacoby, unveiled the plaque that marks the Israel Henry Beren Institute of Torah and Technology. The family also met with some of the students in the institute. Avraham Heller demonstrated a

computer that turns gas appliances on and off for use on Jewish holidays. Heller, 17, brings a strong foundation in Torah study to his knowledge in computers and technology.
"What makes Boys Town

Jerusalem unique is that the technical training is integrated with Jewish and academic learning,"

GAVRIEL MEIR explained Rabbi Moshe Linchner,

rosh yeshiva of Boys Town. Kochba, Aran Bar Kochba, a Jerusalemite who is one of nine children, designed a monitor that detects when a baby has stopped breathing. His project could lead to a breakthrough in preventing crib death.

According to department head Naftali Goldberg, there are now 30 students in the Beren Institute receiving a curriculum that is known as Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Technology. In the ninth and tenth grades they are given a solid grounding in the basics: computers, electronics, mathematics, as well as Torah study and ethics.

By the 11th grade, they must come up with an idea for a project. Once it is approved, they are given all the materials needed to put it together, as well as a teacher to provide one-on-one guidance. "The top students are admitted

to this program," says Goldberg. They must be motivated and possess intellectual curiosity and the ability to follow through. When they're finished, they write a paper and undergo tough questioning by Education Ministry supervisors."

Whether the students choose to pursue careers in science and technology or not, they gain self-confi-dence in the knowledge that they can formulate an idea for solving a problem and follow through on it, says Goldberg.

The response of the Education Ministry to the program has been ethusiastic. "Boys Town Jerusalem is the pioneer in Israel, and perhaps the entire world in undertaking the teaching and implementation Interdisciplinary Comprehensive Technology curriculum," says Moshe Dekalo, of the Ministry of Education's Department of Technological Education. The futuristic curriculum has

also received rave reviews from international observers. Rodney Smith, senior manager with Arthur Andersen, visited Boys Town and remarked: "Boys Town has earned a place

on the world map of education. The interdisciplinary program [2] should be viewed as a trend-setting example of the education that will be required for the children of the information age."

Beren wound up his visit at Boys Town by presenting diplomas to the 12th-grade graduates. We are in Israel dedicating many projects and the strand that runs 15 through all of them is the idea of Torah study and the ability to make a living, he said. "Scientific innovation must be accompanied by Torah study so that ethics and social principles are in harmony with scientific



Russia's Communist presidential candidate, Gennady Zhyuganov, takes off his jacket before getting into his car in central

Russia faces election runoff; Yeltsin, Zyuganov go a-wooing

PRESIDENT Boris Yeltsin headed for a narrow first-round victory yesterday over his communist rival in the Russian election and the two men immediately sought to forge political deals to win the runoff.

With nearly 90 percent of the vote counted, Yeltsin led communist arch-foe Gennady Zyuganov by 34.80 percent to 32.31, setting the stage for a decisive second-round ballot in July. While maverick ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky flopped, tough talking law-and-order general Alexander Lebed became overnight the man of the moment and kingmaker, taking a strong third place in an election which

will decide the future of reform in Russia. The key to the final outcome - which, on balance, appeared to favor Yeltsin - lay in where the one-third of voters who opted for Lebed or other eliminated candidates would transfer their allegiance in July.

Lebed took 14.38 percent of the vote, pushing liberal economist Grigory Yavlinsky and Zhirinovsky into fourth and fifth place

The two front-runners immediately turned on the charm for Lebed. He met with Yeltsin yesterday, and Zyuganov's team said it might offer Lebed the prime minister's job.

The ex-general wouldn't talk about his plans. "Lebed's electorate is very complex. Even if Lebed asks his voters to back Yeltsin, they may not vote for him," presidential aide Yuri Baturin warned yesterday.

Zyuganov's team wouldn't announce its game plan yesterday, but he called for "comprehensive consultations" with just about

The problem for both sides is the deeply

MOSCOW

divided electorate, which has shown remarkably consistent voting patterns in the past couple of turbulent years in Russian politics.

If they want a shot at the Kremlin throne, the Communists need to expand their support bevond die-hard elderly nostalgists - a goal they failed to achieve in the run up to Sunday's vote. But their silence yesterday left in doubt whether they had a powerful plan to rein in other voters.

Yeltsin, meanwhile, needs a high turnout. His support lies with less loyal, mostly young

His strategists are pushing for a weekday vote - likely to attract more people to the polls even though it would contradict election law.

The Yeltsin side said it already has a strategy for each of the former candidates, including plans to send them on the road stumping for Yeltsin to save the president's energy.

Yeltsin has run a high-octane campaign so far, dancing at rock concerts and embracingretirees from the Siberian taiga to the Caucasus. Mountains - and winning back some of the popularity he had lost in recent years.

He is also expected to shift his television campaign, moving away from feel-good spots emphasizing prosperity to more hard-hitting

Yeltsin was also likely to keep up his feverish pace of spending promises, appeasing workers with pledges to pay long overdue wages. Zyuganov, for his part, talked vaguely yes-

terday of staging labor actions to shore up

grounds of his country residence yesterday, told his people they had a "crystal-clear" choice in the runoff. This choice, he said, was "either back to

al-patriotic" bloc.

and prosperity".

adly backfire on Lebed.

Russian markets were happy with the result: " Share prices rose sharply and prices for government debt were also higher. The rouble firmed-

revolutions and shocks, or ahead to stability

He also renewed calls for a television debate

with Yeltsin, who rejected previous such

Zyuganov moved quickly in search of com-mon ground with Lebed, calling on him and

another defeated candidate, eye surgeon Svyatoslav Fyodorov, to join forces with his "nation-

"Irrespective of our views and convic-

tions...we are united by a single idea - there can

be no peace, national accord, material prosperi-

ty and inner contentment without a strong Rus-

sia and a strong just state," he said in an appeal.

ganov said any association with Yeltsin would

In a later comment to Ekho Moskvy, Zyu-

Yeltsin, in a televised broadcast from the

Markets in Japan and Europe also sent the mark higher as traders concluded Yeltsin was likely to keep his Kremlin job, and Russian debt prices soared.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which sent about 500 observers to the poll, gave the election a relatively clean bill of health, saying it had been "generally free and fair" with only minor

Hillary Clinton faces Whitewater accusers

WASHINGTON (AP) - Facing Republican accusers yesterday for the first time, Hillary Rodham Clinton wrote the Senate Whitewater Committee that she does not know how billing records came to be removed from her law firm or how they showed up two years later in the White

"I do not know how the billing records came to be identified by (White House aide) Mrs. (Carolyn) Huber at the White House on Jan. 4, 1996, although I have read various media accounts." Mrs. Clinton wrote in a terse twopage affidavit.

The first lady said she had seen the billing records in 1985-86 and "might have been shown billing records in 1992," when she wrote a memo for her husband's presidential campaign addressing the first reports of what developed into the Whitewater controversy.

Her affidavit does not address whether she ever saw the controversial billing records after that time, when they were subpoenaed by investigators and were not turned over for two

Mrs. Clinton also wrote "I do not have any firsthand knowledge" about removal of files from her former law firm detailing ber work for the savings and loan at

vestigation. The affair centered on a failed land development in Arkansas in which the Clintons participated while he was governor of that state in the 1980s.

Republicans have repeatedly stated that someone at the White House obstructed investigators by withholding the billing

Meanwhile, The White House dismissed as innuendo a Republican draft report on Whitewater that accuses Clinton administration officials of impeding criminal investigations to protect the president and first lady.

Administration officials "re-peatedly attempted to binder, impede and control investigations of Whitewater and related matters," said the broadly worded attack by the Republican majority on the Senate Whitewater Committee. The conclusions were based on congressional hearings over the past year.

Those actions, the draft said, raise "the possibility of obstruction of justice." The report is scheduled for re-

lease today, but portions of a draft version were leaked to news organizations over the weekend by congressional sources.

In a sharply worded letter transmitting Mrs. Clinton's an-

swers, her private attorney called the decision by the committee's Republicans to leak their findings before the answers were ready as "nothing but a partisan publicity gimmick."

"It is a last-minute hit-and-run smear unworthy of a congressional committee engaged in a serious search for the truth," afterney David Kendall wrote.

The Republican allegations also drew a swift rebuttal from White House officials, who said the conclusions are not supported by the facts and are the product of election-year politics.

"There doesn't seem to be anything new except continuing innuendo from Republicans who are looking to make headlines and coming you into writing about it," White House press secretary Mike McCurry told reporters vesterday.

Whitewater Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato "began most of his hearings by hurling innuendo," said White House spokesman Mark Fabiani. "He then called witnesses who never seemed to back up what he said. Now he's written a report that hurls the same innuendo, the facts be damned.

These leaks are typical of a political inquisition, not a search for the facts," Fabiani said.

US Supreme Court says raped women can sue Bosnian Serb leader

THE US Supreme Court allowed women raped and tortured in the former Yugoslavia to sue Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic in the United States for crimes against humanity.

The court, without comment, turned down Karadzic's argument that he cannot be sued because he is a private citizen, not a state official, and none of the alleged offenses occurred in the

The two class-action lawsuits against Karadzic were filed by human rights groups in 1993 on behalf of thousands of Bosnian Moslem and Croatian women. He is accused of ordering a campaign of murder, rape and torture to destroy non-Serbian people.

The case is under a 200-yearold US law allowing foreign citizens to sue foreign officials and citizens for violating the law of nations.

Karadzic, the Serbs' political leader, also has been indicted on charges of genocide and war crimes by a United Nations tribunal based in The Hague, Netherlands. He has not been arrested on those charges, however.

A federal judge in New York dismissed the lawsuits in 1994, saying Karadzic could not be sued WASHINGTON

because he was a private citizen. But an appeals court revived the women's claims last October.

The liability of private individuals for committing war crimes has been recognized since World War I and was confirmed at Nuremberg after World War II," the appeals court ruled.

In the appeal acted yesterday, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark argued on Karadzic's behalf that individuals' actions, not taken on behalf of a government, do not violate the law of nations. None of those involved in the

case lived in the United States and the alleged actions did not occur here, Clark noted. He said Karadzic was not properly served with court papers in 1993 because he was in the country on a special visa to attend talks at the United

The women's lawyers said the lower court correctly allowed them to sue, adding that there is no other court where they can bring their claims.

Meanwhile, in The Hague yesterday the war crimes tribunal

dropped all charges against a Bos-

nian Serb accused of murder and torture, saying it was a case of mistaken identity.

It's the first time the tribunal has withdrawn charges against any of the 58 people it has indicted in the former Yugoslavia.

Goran Lajic, 28, was ordered freed immediately.

Lajic was accused of being on the staff of the Keraterm camp, which housed thousands of Bosnian Moslems and Croats in a former ceramics factory in northwest Bosnia in 1992.

Lajic was arrested in Germany and indicted last July for allegedly killing at least five detainees at the camp and torturing others. He pleaded innocent to all charges and told the tribunal it had arrest-

ed the wrong Gora Lajic. The indictment says Keraterm's prisoners were routinely killed. sexually assaulted, tortured and beaten. One victim was allegedly beaten by Lajic and other guards and forced to lie on broken glass. The man died after 10 days of torture, according to the indictment.

The tribunal's reversal underscored one of its major problems, identifying the often obscure perpetrators of atrocities committed several years ago.

EU summit to be faced with 'mad cow' war

Union foreign ministers made little progress on ending Britain's "beef war" with its partners yesterday, almost guaranteeing the issue will be left to an EU summit at the end of the week.

Following a meeting called to set the agenda for the summit to be held on Friday and Saturday in Plorence. British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said it was now "more likely" that an agreement would come at the summit than before it.

"I don't feel any more or less optimistic." Rifkind told reporters after talks with his colleagues on their worldwide ban on British beef exports. "Inevitably, as one approaches the moment of truth, one is cautious," he said.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said it was "not at all clear" that an agreement could be reached at Florence but that there was movement towards it. "I don't see a solution yet, but there is a small light at the end of the tunnel." he said.

Fears that mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), may cause a brainwasting human equivalent prompted an EU ban on British beef exports in March and have triggered a Europe-wide crisis of confidence in eating beef.
Britain has infuriated its part-

ners by refusing to cooperate in EU business until it is given a framework for ending the ban.

Rifkind said there was no possibility of Britain dropping its tactics

unless it got what it wanted. "I think there was encouraging willingness at a political level based on the basis that if there is not an agreement on Friday the

That would lead to constant headlines about beef, making it even harder to raise consumers confidence, he said.

crisis continues." he said.

A framework proposed by Britain - setting out five steps for lifting the ban, tied to eradicating BSE and without a specific timetable - is being discussed by EU officials and has been circulated among EU states.

It calls for the progressive lifting of the ban on exports of certified herds, on exports to non-EU countries, exports of embryos, of calves born after September 1,

1996, and of meat from animals under 30 months old.

The framework, which will be discussed by the Commission today in the French city of Strasbourg, is dependent on acceptance by the EU of a British plan to eradicate BSE.

France, which to date has been one of Britain's chief allies in its battle against the ban, indicated that it wanted more from London.

"We cannot agree on an eradication plan if the British don't offer a more rigorous programme," French European Affairs Minister Michel Barnier told French reporters earlier.

Following the meeting, Barnier said he believed Britain realised it was going to have to step back if it was to get what it wanted.

Bangladesh's Sheikh Hasina: There's conspiracy to keep me from power

DHAKA (Reuter) - Sheikh Hasina, whose Awami League has emerged as the biggest party in still-incomplete results from Bangladesh's general election, said yesterday there is a conspiracy to keep her from power.

"A conspiracy is going on against Awami League. The president is involved in it," Hasina told journalists at her

Hasina said she had spoken to President Abdur Rahman Biswas by telephone yesterday and asked him why he had delayed inviting her to form a government as leader of the biggest party. "He gave excuses ... asked me

to wait," Hasina said. Lawyers for jailed former president Hossain Mohammad Ershad said, meanwhile, that he had rejected an offer by the caretaker government to grant him a 15-day parole following his Jatiya Party's harvest of 29 seats in the

"Release of Ershad on parole has been ordered. It's a parole for 15 days. But Ershad has declined to accept the offer." lawyer Yusuf Hussain Humayun

"Why parole? I expect my re-

lease will be unconditional and unequivocal," Humayun quoted the ex-president as saying. He said there were constitu-

tional ways for Ershad to be freed by commuting or fully relieving his sentence". Ershad, a former army general

who seized power in a 1982

bloodless coup, was deposed in a

popular opposition-led campaign in 1990. He has been in prison since 1991 following convictions on multiple corruption charges. By Sunday night, when the Election Commission had gazetted the results of 273 seats, the Awami League had won 135 after an independent joined its ranks, and the 29-seat Jatiya Party had

pledged its support.

Search resumes off Liberia for refugee ship

ABIDJAN (Reuter) - International teams resumed a search from the air vesterday for a Russian ship missing in the Atlantic with 450 West African refugees.

The Zolotitsa has been in limbo for the past three weeks with no port in West Africa willing to admit the refugees from Liberia's civil war. It was last resupplied nearly two weeks ago and has not been heard from since.

Medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF - Doctors Without Borders) said it was using a slightly larger plane after bad weather grounded a smaller one. "The plane has just taken off,"

MSF official Lucy Hodgson said. Spokesman Phil Doherty said the search had been narrowed to the Cape Palmas area off the Liberia-Ivoire border where a French research ship, the Anthea, reported seeing a vessel Saturday that looked like the Zolotitsa.

(Continued from Page 1) ed in areas in which Jewish graves are found.

"This is the only country in the world that does not recognize our conversions," Rabbi Philip Spectre, executive director of the Masorti (Conservative) Movement in Israel, said in response. "I hope Israel is a place where freedom of religion is practiced, but we are discriminated against.

"If they are going to try to roll back the decisions of the High Court, this is deleterious to the present government, but also to the State of Israel and the good name of Judaism. Our people in the Diaspora are up in arms." He said there would be similar

(Continued from Page 1) The rookie politicians of YB proved the best bargainers of all, keeping the Likud hopping until the last moment. The sevenmember faction won two portfolios - Natan Sharansky will be industry and trade minister and

ter - and lots of other perks. The Absorption Ministry will be padded by the vocational retraining division of the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry and the

Yuli Edelstein absorption minis-

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anger if the non-Orthodox are kept off local religious councils. Rabbi Joel Meyers, executive

vice president of the US-based Rabbinical Assembly, the Conservative movement's rabbinical arm, said, "I think we will press very hard for Israel to have the same tolerance as our communities abroad. We perceive this question of Conservative conversions not as a religious issue, but as a political one. We will continne to apply pressure in every way possible to have that law changed."

Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of ARZA, the

American Reform Movement's Zionist organization, has gathered petitions bearing thousands of signatures from Reform Jews

Some Reform and Conservative Jews protested outside of the Knesset yesterday, alongside civil rights groups. (Story, Page 2) It should be noted that the

changes would not impact upon those converted abroad. The government guidelines read: "The law of conversion shall be changed so that conversions to Judaism in Israel will be recognized only if authorized by the Chief Rabbinate."

Should in fact those converted abroad be effected, it would revive the entire "Who is a Jew" issue. Meyers said that at that point, the protest would turn into a firestorm and would "have a disastrous effect upon the relationship between the Diaspora Jewish community and Israel as a

The new government guidelines also contain a general call for adherence to the "status quo on religious matters," without going into specifics. The religious parties wanted an adherence to the status quo of 1992, but the guidelines fall short of issuing such a commitment.

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in the US.

Education Ministry's social absorption unit. It will also get a NIS 600 million budget for 100 new hostels for immigrants with pressing needs, especially singleparent families.

In addition, YB will get the chairmanship of the Knesset Environment Committee and the Committee on the Status of Women. Finally, two of its activists will be appointed as ambassadors to CIS countries.

The coalition agreement with YB also lists a series of administrative measures which will be taken to lower the cost of housing for immigrants and young couples. The new party, which made its Knesset debut vesterday, was promised that whoever holds the that YB's priorities are imple- from mixed families.

mented in his ministry.

YB also won promises that a "respectable and appropriate" burial solution for non-Jews and those who prefer non-religious burial ceremonies will be found; a study program for would-be converts will be set up; more rabbinical courts will be set up to deal with conversion applications; and the Chief Rabbinate will look into ways of helping Housing portfolio will see to it with marriages for immigrants

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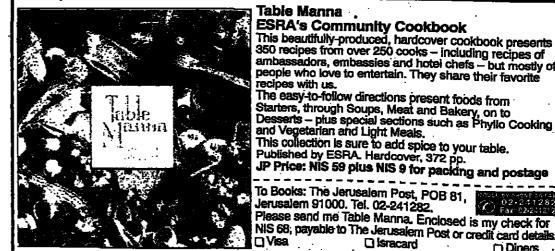


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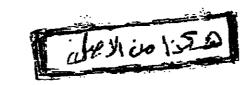
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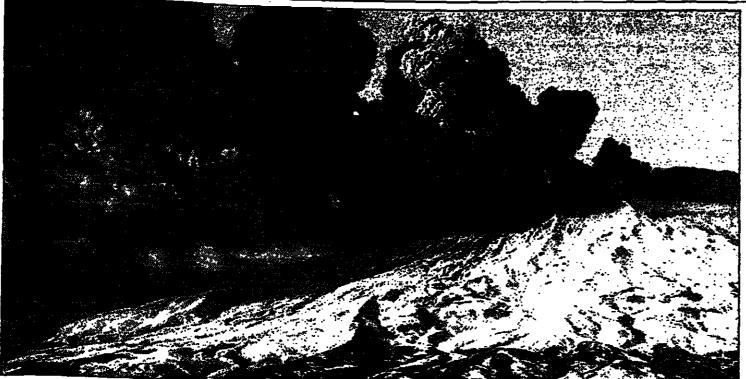
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Mount Ruapehu sends up plumes of ash and rock yesterday as the volcano erupted after months of silence.

NZ volcano goes ballistic

AUCKLAND (Reuter) - New Zealand's Mount Ruapehu belched steam and ash several kilometers into the atmosphere yesterday in a major eruption, but officials said the volcano's latest outburst did not present any hazard to people.

The eruption, the biggest since last October, closed roads, ski slopes and forced aviation authorities to declare a danger zone surrounding the mountain.

Officials said the eruption lacked the ferocity of last October's eruption.

"Airports are shut down, ash is on the roads, people's water supplies might have to be disconnected, but it's not life-threatening, Peter Wood, scientist at the

TIRANA (Reuter) - Albania's rul-

ing Democrats have scored a

sweeping victory in a partial rerun

of a disputed general election,

Results from Sunday's high-

turnout ballot confirmed their

landslide win in the ex-commu-

nist state's third multi-party polls. Most opposition parties, includ-

ing the key Socialists, again

abstained from the voting, called

after a first round plagued by

accusations of irregularities and

for most of the Balkan country's

President Sali Berisha, whose

conservative Democratic Party

won a huge victory in the initial

two-round poll, agreed to the par-

tial re-run after widespread

international criticism and allega-

tions the ballot was manipulated.

(CEC), which organized the vote,

said 68 percent of eligible voters

"From the preliminary data we

have from Sunday's vote it

appears the (ruling) Democratic Party has won," CEC chairman

Edmir Kapidani told a news con-

The preliminary results indicate

Berisha's Democrats have clinched

victory in the 17 constituencies

The government agreed to

repeat the vote in constituencies

where it had noted most irregularities to quell opposition claims the

elections were fraudulent and to

satisfy Western appeals for a par-

The Democratic Party won 101

out of 140 parliamentary seats in

two rounds of voting on May 26

Some 115 seats were deter-

mined by direct voting in the con-

stituencies. The Democrats are

poised to secure another batch of

seats when the remaining 25 are

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The Central Election Committee

They demand a fresh election

criticized by the West.

115 parliamentary seats.

vote officials said yesterday.

Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences, told Radio New Zealand.

Scientists upgraded the alert status of the volcano to level three, meaning "significant local emption in progress." At the height of last year's eruption, Ruapehu was classified at level four or "hazardous local eruption."

The highest alert is level five, signifying a hazardous local eruption is in progress.

Airlines suspended flights to and from the popular North Island tourist resort of Rotorua, where the touring Scottish rugby union side called off a practice session because ash was irritating players'

Falling ash closed several air-

Sunday's ballot, saying only a

fresh election in most of the

Balkan country's 115 constituen-

cies could reverse what they claim

was massive vote manipulation by

the ruling party.

Albania's ruling

Democrats win rerun

the furthest being Whakatane, some 185 km. to the north. The Civil Aviation Authority imposed a danger zone prohibiting flying in darkness around Ruapehu.

Residents of the town of Turangi had been told to stay indoors, and to wear masks or damp cloths over their faces to avoid inhaling asb if venturing outside.

Television pictures showed dense black clouds over the mountain, which last burst into life in September and October last

Locals were concerned about the impact on ski resort operators. Staff were evacuated from the Turoa and Whakapapa ski fields and some local roads were also closed, Volcanic tremors began early

yesterday morning, accompanied by numerous small earthquakes. Scientists who flew around the volcano saw ash erupting from three vents, rising to form a massive, five km. plume near the volcano, and higher still as the plume was blown downwind to the north.

"It is throwing up the most amazing clouds tinged with red, yellow and orange from the sunnise," assistant manager Kerryanne McKinlay of the Grand Chateau Hotel, which lies at the foot of the mountain, told the New Zealand Press Association.

EU ministers, hopeful of

ROME (AP) - European Union ing the key Socialists, boycotted foreign ministers held out hope criticized Britain's strong-arm

Western governments, including the United States, called for a partral re-run of the controversial poll, but it was not immediately clear whether they would be content with Sanday's limited repetition.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) issued a final report last week saying the elections had failed to meet Albania's own legal standards, but stopped short of calling for a new poll.

But OSCE member states are due to meet in Vienna this week to discuss the report and what may be harder-hitting recommenda-tions, a source close to the group told Remers.

Opposition parties refuse to accept the outcome of the vote or take up the five seats they won.

They have staged protest rallies, a hunger strike and travelled to the European Parliament in hopes of forcing a fresh election, but their efforts have been fruitless. Calls on voters to boycott Sunday's re-run

went largely unnoticed.
"About 68 percent of the people voted in the (17) constituencies, with the highest turnout of 83 percent in (the southern town of) Peqin and the lowest turnout of 40 percent in (the southern city of) Saranda," the CEC's Kapidani said. About 350,000 Albanians were eligible to cast their ballot in 600 polling stations across the mountainous country. Kapidani said only 18 percent of citizens who

stayed away on Sunday. But voters had a limited spectrum of parties to chose from. Only the Democrats and a group of small right-wing parties, the centrist Social Democratic Union Party and the ethnic Greek Union for Human Rights Party took part

participated in the initial election

beef deal, blast Britain

yesterday for an end to the EU's beef crisis this week, but sharply

tactics aimed at forcing a deal.
"One political signal is clear: none of the other members find Great Britain's procedure acceptable,"Danish Foreign Minister Niels-Helveg Petersen told reporters during a meeting of EU foreign ministers.

Britain has threatened to paralyze a summit of European leaders starting Friday in Florence unless its EU partners agree by then - or at the summit's opening session - on a deal to gradually lift the ban.

Several ministers were upbeat about chances of reaching an accord based on a British proposal to relax the ban in five stages as London enforces new safeguards against mad cow disease over the coming months and

Everyone is doing everything possible so that the European summit is not overshadowed by BSE." said German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, referring bovine spongiform encephalopathy, the formal name

of the cattle disease. **Dutch Deputy Foreign Minister** Michiel Patijn told reporters that only "technical work" was needed to turn the British proposal into a formal plan that could be put on the table for approval at the sum-

But many EU nations, led by Germany, remain wary of the plan because of doubts that Britain is doing enough to wipe out mad cow disease and restore consumer trust in beef.

Britain is under pressure to expand plans to slaughter tens of thousands of cattle judged at high risk for the disease.

Some ministers acknowledged that Britain's task may be even harder because of fury in France over reports that Britain knowingly exported possibly tainted ani-

mal feed from 1989-1991, when

"This has been seen as a scandal in the other European countries," said Luxembourg Foreign

Still, the EU's executive agency aims tomorrow at a meeting in Strasbourg, France, to turn the British plan into a formal propos-

some beef products.

The plan would lift the ban first on exports to nations that are not part of the European Union. That would be followed by steps to allow exports of cattle embryos, beef from very young cattle, beef from herds certified as healthy, and finally meat from most other

such a blueprint the central demand in its pressure campaign against its EU partners. London has blocked more than 70 EU decisions in the last month.

Now it threatens to continue its obstruction at the EU's mid-year summit - a high-profile event scheduled to focus on crucial matters like cutting unemployment, introducing a common European currency and paving the way for admitting countries from Eastern

The beef crisis has taken over the European Union's agenda since late March, when scientists said there was probably a link between the cattle disease and an equally deadly human malady. Creutzfeldt-Jakob dis-

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Minister Jacques Poos.

al for the summit. ---The British plan includes no dates for relaxing the ban, and officials acknowledge it could take years before conditions are in place for lifting the

cattle.

Britain has made agreement on

As beef demand and prices plunged, European nations imposed the trade ban March 27 to prevent their own beef markets



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US, China reach copyright agreement

US and Chinese officials have averted a multi-billion dollar trade war with an agreement to crush copyright theft and were putting the finishing touches to a joint report, a source close to the talks

said yesterday. The Chinese agreed to comply with US demands to clamp down on more factories accused of counterfeiting films, music and computer software and had also made progress in opening their markets to US manufacturers, the source said.

"They've done a very good job," said a US industry source close to the talks.

Acting US Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky was due to meet Chinese President and Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin yesterday to seal the prevention of billions of dollars in tit-for-tat sanctions between the two Pacific giants, he said.

A major breakthrough was China's offer to close more pirate plants along with details of its decision this year to deploy police instead of administrators to tackle the copyright thieves who churn out millions of fake discs each year, he said.

"This is the best we could have expected and when you look at **VELISARIOS KATTOULAS** BEIJING

the clock in China it's about

right," the source said. They finally hit upon the right formula by getting the police involved," he said. They realized . it is serious when there is counterfeiting and the only way to deal with it is through the police."

Negotiations to avert 100 percent tariffs to be imposed by Washington on \$2 billion worth of Chinese textiles and electronics from yesterday were still under way. China has vowed to retaliate with similar punitive sanctions.

US officials said the two sides were still locked in negotiations on a document at China's Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation.

"We are still negotiating but we are guardedly optimistic," said one US official who declined to be identified. "There are positive

Barshefsky had earlier met Chinese Vice-Premier Li Langing in a sign the US side may be ready to accept Chinese commitments to tackle piracy of films, compact discs and computer software, which US firms say costs them

\$2.3b, a year in lost sales.

"The talks were productive," said Barshefsky, who arrived in China on Friday for last-ditch

talks to avoid a trade war. Chinese officials said talks were

positive and constructive. The United States had wanted China to take "decisive" action to comply with a 1995 accord on prevention of copyright piracy, reached after a similar display of brinkmanship and after a similar deadline for sanctions had expired.

Barshefsky was to join talks at the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation for an exchange of diplomatic notes, sources said. No new agreement would be signed.

US officials have said they want to see a dozen pirate plants closed. full police enforcement of laws to halt copyright theft and better border controls to prevent exports of pirated goods. The US also wanted China's markets opened to more legitimate products.

Beijing has trumpeted the success of a clampdown on pirates in the past few days. Authorities have steamrollered pirated discs, revoked the business licenses of two compact disc plants, closed six illegal assembly lines and intercepted exports.

Major: Bomb won't end search for peace

MANCHESTER (Reuter) -British Prime Minister John Major yesterday condemned the suspected IRA bombing of Manchester as a "callous and barbaric crime" and said he would not be deflected from seeking peace in Northern Ireland.

In a message to the people of Manchester where more than 200 people were hurt on Saturday by a huge truck bomb, Major said his heart went out to those caught up in the blast.

"The terrorists must see that their guns and their bombs will not deflect a democratic society either from the belief it holds so dear or from the determined pursuit of a lasting peace in Northern Ireland," he said in a statement. The bomb outside a major shop-

ping center in this northern English city exploded only five days after the start of landmark peace talks on Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein had been barred from the talks because of the refusal of the IRA to reinstate a cease-fire.

Police said it was one of the largest bombs ever planted on the British mainland, containing one to 1.5 tonnes of explosive material. Eight of the victims were still in hospital yesterday, including a 42-year-old woman who needed more than 300 stitches to her face.

No group has yet claimed responsibility but the IRA has planted a number of bombs in London since breaking off a 17month cease-fire in February.

The blast left Sinn Fein further away than ever from being admitted to multi-party peace talks on Northern Ireland.

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams has expressed sympathy with the victims but avoided condemning the incident. He said all sides must "dig deep" for a lasting peace built on dialogue.

Britain indicated not even a truce by the Irish Republican Army would now automatically open the door to Sinn Fein.

"I think it will be very much more difficult for the IRA to convince the rest of the world that any cease-fire they might now propose would be permanent and genuine," British Home Secretary Michael Howard told BBC radio yesterday.

"You can't let off a bomb in Manchester on Saturday, declare a cease-fire on Sunday and expect to be admitted to peace talks on Monday," Howard said. Irish Prime Minister John Bruton

called the bomb a "slap in the face" to people who had been trying to give Sinn Fein a chance and said his government would be reviewing its relationship with Sinn Fein. The IRA, which has been fight-

ing for 25 years to overturn British rule of Northern Ireland, ended its cease-fire in protest at what it saw as British intransigence in the peace process. Manchester police said the van

containing the bomb may have been bought only a few days ago. It had been spotted on Friday afternoon in the city of Peterborough, 160 km. southeast of Manchester.

Judge suspends Priebke trial

ROME (AP) - Suspicions raised by the prosecutor that a military court may be biased in favor of a former Nazi accused of war crimes led to suspension of the trial yesterday.

Judge Agostino Quistelli announced the trial has been halted until July 10 to give a military appeals court time to decide whether any of the three judges should be replaced.

Erich Priebke, 82, a former SS officer in Nazi-occupied Rome, has been standing trial for six weeks for his role in the massacre of 335 civilians on March 24, 1944. The killings were carried out in retaliation for a bombing by resistance fighters that killed 32 soldiers.

Military prosecutor Antonino Intelisano told the court that a report had been filed with judicial authorities summing up suspicions that the three-judge panel was not impartial.

but the Rome daily Il Messaggero reported yesterday that one of the judges was overheard telling Priebke's lawyer that he should remind his client to relay wedding anniversary wishes to his wife.

A lawyer for some of the relatives of victims, Giancarlo Maniga, said he didn't really object to the reported anniversary reminder.

"It could have been a simple gesture of humanity, to which we are all entitled," Maniga said.

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Jagger may send son to Eton

LONDON (Reuter) - Rolling Stone Mick Jagger, the wild man of British rock music in the 1960s, is considering sending his son to Eton, one of Britain's most exclusive private schools.

The Daily Telegraph reported yesterday that Jagger and his American model wife Jerry Hall visited the school last week. Its famed pupils include future king Prince William, son of heir to the throne Prince Charles and his estranged wife Princess

Diana. Jagger's son James is 11 years old and has been educated by private tutors on the Caribbean island of Mustique, where the couple have a home. If accepted, he could start at Eton in

September 1997. Eton declined to comment on the possibility of Jagger's son gaining a place at the school.

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First round in Russia

LTHOUGH the first-round presidential elections in Russia have not yet produced a final outcome, they have produced a picture of mundane stability which is as welcome as it is surprising. Foreign observers gave a reasonably clean initial report on the voting machinery, and the balloting produced two strong front-runners and a respectable third-place kingmaker. It would appear that despite many gloomy and cynical predictions, democracy may be settling in at last in Russia.

There were of course some valid criticisms such as the inordinate use of state power, money and influence to the advantage of the incumbent President Boris Yeltsin's campaign. However, while this still may be more raw and nakedly apparent in Russia, the phenomenon is not unknown in more mature presidential systems such as the United States and France. The results may also take some sting out of fears that the old-fashioned Communists were trying to regain their lost power through the ballot box.

The sight of Communist candidate Gennady Zyuganov being a front-runner - with a democratically respectable 32 percent of the vote rather than an old-style 99.9 percent - and entering at once into acceptable horse trading for minority allies, makes electoral communism something less of a bogeyman than Soviet red communism. Although he is something of a dull old apparatchik, a Zyuganov obliged to accept pluralistic election realities may more easily accept them in the political and economic world at large, if he wins next time.

But considerable credit remains due to Yeltsin for a remarkable political comeback from illness, military disaster in Chechnya and vast unpopularity only six months ago. While not discounting the power of office he wielded, he also ran a hard and exhausting grass roots campaign all across the vast country, without which he could not have won his slim firstround edge.

The most satisfying aspect of the election was the near collapse of the Vladimir Zhirinovsky bandwagon. Most observers have been fearing for a few years that the extremist nationalists might become an awkward "20 percent" fixture on the political scene, like those of Jean-Marie Le Pen in France. But the huge vote captured by the tough general Alexander Lebed, and the lesser success of reformer Grigory Yavlinsky, pushed Zhirinovsky off the scene.

Lebed in particular is an excellent third-place candidate, with 10 million votes up for grabs by either Yeltsin or Zyuganov. He is critical both of Yeltsin's excesses and communist nostalgia for the past, and will provide a welcome and pragmatic brake on whichever of them he advises his supporters to vote for. It may be an old cliche, but democracy did indeed score a respectable new victory in this first round of the Russian balloting. One can only hope it can maintain its success in the second round.

New system at work

TWO factors were mostly responsible for turning the public off the old election system: the endless horse trading which invariably accompanied the forming of a ruling coalition; and the indecisiveness which bedeviled governments constantly in fear of losing their majority in the Knesset.

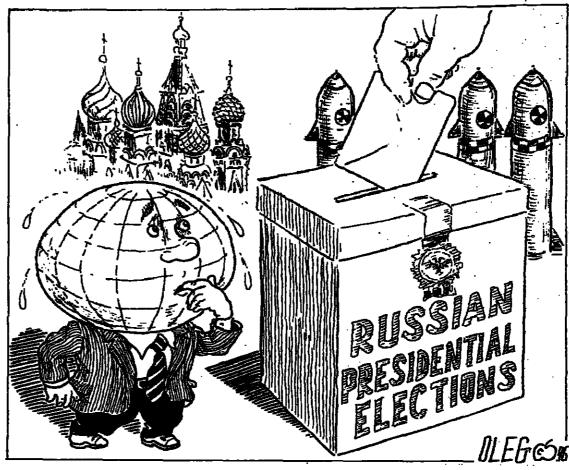
The new system, partly because its original blueprint was substantially modified before it could pass the Knesset, has failed to live up to its billing. It may have made future governments somewhat more stable. While the Knesset can still vote the prime minister out, such a move would force a new Knesset election. Most members - uncertain about the results of new elections - would probably oppose this, particu-

larly in the first half of the Knesset's tenure. But the direct election of the premier seems to have done little to alleviate the horse-trading problem. Since the new prime minister needs the approval of a Knesset majority to have his government installed, he must make agreements with parties which together can give him such a

majority before he can form his government. This is precisely what the direct election was supposed to prevent. A unique experiment, which combines the American presidential system with the traditional parliamentary method, it was intended to give the elected premier an authority similar to that of an American president in choosing his cabinet. Instead of paying off political debts to party leaders and adhering to a pecking order determined by popularity and internal party support, the premier was expected to be able to appoint technocrats, experts, public figures and professional executives to head the government ministries.

Whether the trouble is that Binyamin Netanyahu has failed to realize the potential of the new system, or that the system itself is still inadequate, is something the Knesset should explore before the next elections. But the fact is that again small parties seem to be the gainers in the coalition-forming game. They are not only in positions of power, they can veto who will serve in key cabinet positions.

Ultimately, only the results will matter. If Netanyahu manages to assemble a good team and show impressive results, the horse trading, hurt egos, and ruffled feathers will be quickly forgotten. But the Knesset owes it to the public. which has supported the new system with enthusiasm, to reexamine the new law and make it serve the country better.



Everyman's premier

HEN Binyamin Netanyahu told Israelis ▼ in his victory speech that "I intend to be prime minister to you all, without exception," his effort to bridge divisions in Israeli society sent an important message to American Jews also.

Whether it has been Likud or Labor in power, the ideological debates among American lews have mirrored those in the Jewish state for the last few decades.

The very definition of what it means to be "pro-Israel" has been open to question, to the point where a vociferous minority of American Jews openly lobbied against the policies espoused by the democratically-elected Peres government

Will a Likud-led government cause a similar reaction among those of us who have endorsed the principles of the peace process thus far? I hope not.

The challenge of ensuring the continued bond between the American government and Israel should be a unifying principle for Diaspora Jews, not the source of bitter, destructive divisions that could weaken this bond.

A few years ago, when some of Israel's leaders asked my colleagues and myself to help build support in the US for Israel's peace policies, we agreed because we understood that a careful, gradual, negotiated separation of Israelis and Palestinians was the only realistic way to achieve peace, security and a Jewish majority in Israel.

That is no less true today, and I believe we have a responsibility to continue speaking out in support of a peace process based on this principal.

Indeed, there are signs that Netanyahu will do just that, and try to build upon the progress made by the Peres government toward peace. With his pledge to continue negotiations with the Palestinian Authority, his insistence that the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Hebron warrants careful study rather than pre-

HE opposition must make

emment down only to see it re-elect-

ed next time. And the opposition

shouldn't wait patiently until the year

The opposition must wage a relent-

less struggle in the Knesset, bringing on a constant bartage of no-confi-

dence motions as frequently as possi-

The first opportunity may well come when Netanyahu refuses to pull

the IDF out of Hebron. That's when

his claims to accept the Oslo accords

will fail apart - a good time to turn to

those MKs who actually believed

Is it wrong constantly to disrupt

Knesset activity? Not at all, It's

exactly what the Likud Knesset fac-

tion did during its four years in oppo-

sition. And that's not the only lesson

the new opposition can learn from the

Likud's years in the political wilder-

The left should use extraparliamen-

tary movements like Peace Now to

mobilize widespread public opposi-

tion to what will certainly be Likud

The extraparliamentary right ruled

the streets until one of its members

murdered prime minister Rabin. It is

time, even now, for the opposition to

take to the streets. If necessary, the

left should use nonviolent civil dis-

obedience, like Zo Artzenu claimed it

was doing when the right was out of

efforts to end the peace process.

this, and call on their votes.

2000. Work must begin right now.

JACK BENDHEIM

cipitous cancellation, and with other statements about honoring prior Israeli-Palestinian agreements, Netanyahu has shown a distinct possibility that his ideologically-charged campaign rhetoric will take a back seat to pragmatism.

In his effort to keep the peace process alive, Netanyahu will be aided by the fact that when it comes to issues of peace and security, the schisms among Jews may not be as widespread as they used

Netanyahu might manage to bring Israeli and American Jews together in a newly-forged consensus

to be. Contrary to the conventional wisdom that the election results were a mandate against the Oslo agreements, poll data show that most Israeli Jews - including many of those who voted for Netanyahu - want to continue the process that began with Camp David, was expanded at Madrid, and brought to a whole new level

While Netanyahu promised a different approach to personal security, he also vowed to move forward with the peace process, and presumably he will feel compelled to deliver on both counts.

of reality by the Rabin-Peres gov-

Like their Israeli cousins, American Jews will also back a continuation of the peace process; surveys have consistently shown overwhelming support for the principles underlying the current Furthermore, negotiations. American Jews know how important the process is to American pursuit of peace.

US-Israel relationship.

ALL THIS, of course, does not mean there will be no problems. Much as Netanyahu may have tried to sound like a more "moderate" version of Peres during the campaign, he also made it clear that he differs from the Labor government in important areas. He will also need to prove his negotiating skills to a skeptical Arab world.

And, perhaps more dangerously, he will have to satisfy the demands of those who helped elect him, some of whom are opposed to the peace process.

For that reason, those of us who have been supporters of the peace process - in Israel and the US must recognize that we have a role to play as Netanyahu's policies are implemented. If and when problems develop relating to peace and/or security, we must remind decision-makers and the public about the importance of the basic principles of peace and security that have underlain the peace process until now.

My fervent hope is that Netanyahu will find a way to keep the hopes of Oslo alive and continue negotiations with credible Palestinian leaders, even if at a slower pace than the one Peres envisioned. If he does, he will certainly have the steadfast support of the vast majority of Jews in Israel and the US.

And, although he may offend a small group of Jewish extremists who are intent upon driving current Palestinian leaders away from the negotiating table, he might very well bring the rest of us together in a newly-forged consensus. Surely that would be the best way to achieve his admirable goal of healing the wounds that have driven Jews apart.

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the Russian votes it lost and win for

Terror wheels

BRUCE P. ELMAN

N April 30, State Comptroller Mirram Ben-Porat presented her annual report to the Knesset Speaker. It slammed the government for its poor performance in combating the nation's biggest killer: road accidents.

The state comptroller said: From the point of view of the number of deaths, road accidents exceed any enemy." She provided a litany of reasons why the number of accidents and toll of injured and dead on the roads is so high. Apparently, no one took much

pe full he full sit all

Last week newspapers reported that 20 people had died in traffic accidents the week before. Over just one weekend (in this country about 24 hours) three people were killed. 36 injured

These statistics, in this small country, are indefensible.

The new government must be systematic and serious about coming up with a comprehensive plan to reduce death and injury on Israel's highways. "Traffic terror-ism" must evoke the same determined response as any other type of terror.

And the resources needed for the job must be forthcoming. These are the elements of a comprehensive scheme to combat the camage (other nations have been using them for years): licensing, regulation, monitoring and enforce-

ment - and the criminal law. Israel, like other nations, licenses its drivers. There are specialty licenses for taxi drivers, bus, and truck operators.

The standards for granting licenses need to be very high, but the threshold for revoking them very low. In other words, licenses should be hard to get, but easy to

Many provinces in Canada use a point system. Accumulate six dement points and you usually have to take a safe driving refresher course. Ten demerit points (three or four traffic violations) loses you your license. It can take a long time before the driver is allowed on the road again.

Proper regulation can help avoid death and injury, and Israel needs much tougher regulations on trucks and buses. There are simply too many people violating the traf-fic laws, and the consequences are often disastrous.

But licensing and regulation in themselves are meaningless without serious monitoring and enforcement. In Canada random check stops have been very effective in lowering the prevalence of driving while under the influence of alcohol. And police-operated radar and automatic photo radar units have lowered the speed of many dri-

Effective monitoring and enforcement of traffic laws

Treat road offenders like criminals. Sounds crude? A little crudity can go a long way

requires a dedication of financial and human resources - but if fewer people die and fewer crippling injuries are caused, isn't it worth it?

FINALLY there is the criminal law, which some would call a crude instrument for altering societal behavior This may be true; but in some

instances - and this is one - a little crudity goes a long, long way. How so? Well, public education is all fine and good, but jail time really grabs one's attention.

In Canada, if you violate the driving laws and cause an accident in which someone dies, you will be charged with manslaughter and be liable to life imprisonment.

People have suggested that this is somewhat drastic since, after all "the driver didn't mean to cause those deaths." Of course he didn't. Had he meant it, he would be charged with murder.

But he undoubtedly engaged in illegal behavior - going too fast, crossing the center line, passing without a clear distance - and by doing so killed one or more people. He has shown a wanton and reckless disregard for the lives and safety of others and deserves to go to jail for a long time.

Minimum sentences for some offenses and tough sentencing guidelines for the courts should also be examined.

There is a plague in Israel, and its name is road terror. Israelis should demand that the

new government lose no time in putting the welfare of ordinary Israelis high on its priority list.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEBRON IS THE KEY

Sir, - The single overriding issue in this election was whether there could be a PLO/Hamas ("Palestinian") state on the "West Bank." The future of settlements, security, utilization of resources, "right of return," as well as "the peace process" itself depend on the answer to that question. There can be no PLO state with-

out Hebron and some control in Jerusalem itself. That is why Hebron, with so few Jews and so many Arabs, is critical. With Hebron under PA control, Israel will withdraw to the 1949 Armistice lines, with a few minor modifications around Jerusalem. Jews living outside these borders will be given a choice: move (and turn their homes over to Arabs) or live under the PLO. Without a Jewish presence in Hebron and Israeli control in the entire area, no settlements will remain viable. Providing security will be more difficult and will lead to clashes on both

Unlike other Arab towns from which the IDF has withdrawn, Hebron has deep Jewish roots, preceding even those in Jerusalem. Therefore, to suggest leaving Hebron not only endangers Jews who live in and visit the city, but denies historic Jewish claims to any part of Eretz Yisrael. The fact that 67 Jews were murdered by Arabs in Hebron in 1929 and hundreds more maimed and wounded that the British collaborated with the Arabs to keep Jews out and that Labor governments denied the right of Jews to live in Hebron contributed to its characterization as an "Arab city."

Maintaining Jewish sovereignty in Hebron insures our claim to Jerusalem, protects our right to live in all of Eretz Yisrael and demonstrates our refusal to permit the "transfer" of Jews. Ultimately, the future of Hebron will determine the future of

DR. MOSHE DANN

Israel.

Jerusalem.

POLITICS OF HATE Sir, - I respect the decision Israeli voters made; however, I feel compelled to express my disappointment with the results.

The recent election was about

more than the different approaches to peace. The issues were overcast by the shadow of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. The incendiary rhetoric which polluted the language. of the opposition for the past three and a half years fostered an environment in which the murderer could act. The burden of guilt must be shared by those who contributed to this hate-filled climate. If a majority of Israelis voted to show their disapproval of the politics of hate, they could have proved that violent language and the violence it produces have no reward. Instead, the newly elected government sits in power, over the body of a slain leader. Hopefully, the voices of hatred will be outlived by the peace which Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres

MARTIN MARKLE Toronto, Canada.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS Sir, - I was deeply dismayed and hurt to learn that a convicted assassin, Yigal Amir, voted twice - once with his gun and once in prison.

Other citizens, myself included, whose only "crime" was being outside Israel on election day, could not vote even once. Did i miss somewhere the meaning of absentee ballot?

The media pointed out that the elections were likely to be decided by absentee ballots. However, very few Israelis - diplomats, soldiers, seamen, and convicted felons - can exercise their right and duty to vote by absentee ballots. The majority of Israeli citizens who reside overseas for one reason or another are not allowed to participate in the democratic process via absentee ballots. DR. ORIT TAMIR

Tempe, Arizona.

BASELESS CLAIM

Sir, - Esther Wachsman's op-ed piece of June 7, "About rearranging priorities," erroneously claims that the Ministry of Education "called for changing our national anthem and removing the words Judaism and Zionism.

For the record, the Ministry of Education has never called for the changing of the national anthem. Minister of Education, Culture and Sport, Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, has consistently rejected an such idea. Anyone who has followed the minister's public activities and running debates with post-Zionist historians and philosophers, for example, understands how baseless this claim is.

In her article, Mrs. Wachsman also refers to the Ministry of Education's decision concerning the criteria for budgeting Arab youth movements. The facts demand that we hereby reiterate our position on this matter, and not as presented by Mrs.

In answer to a query of the Ministry of Justice and within the framework of the general activities for equality in Israeli society, the ministry has decided to formulate an additional and special criterion that will allow the provision of support to Arab youth movements that are loyal to the State of Israel. We do not intend to change any existing

As Minister Rubinstein clarified. whoever differs with this should once and for all accept the idea that the State of Israel is compromised of different communities and sectors. and they all have the right to receive support from government ministries. There is no contradiction between being a dedicated Zionist and recognizing the rights of minorities

YEHOSHUA AMISHAV. Spokesman Ministry of Education, Culture and **ERIC LEE**

every possible effort to topple the Netanyahu government as Finally, the left should use its soon as possible. The quicker it falls the less damage it will be able to do to Israeli society and the peace process. And the opposition must make certain that come next elections, a large majority votes against the ruling party. Both tasks are of equal importance. increasing unemployment. There is no reason to bring the gov-

of the Histadrut and the Ramon-

How to bring down the Netanyahu government and

maybe there's still enough left of the trade unions to help bring down the anti-Labor Netanyahu government.

Likud):

replaced by a younger man. His successor isn't necessarily one of today's obvious choices. Remember that before Netanyahu took over the Likud there was no reason to assume the new party leader wouldn't be David Levy or Benny Begin.

 The opposition must take the initiative on social issues. Poverty and unemployment will almost certainly increase under the new government. If Labor wants to win back some of

unique asset - control of most of the trade union movement - to combat what will almost certainly be an extreme rightist economic policy resulting in anti-labor policies and Both the old Labor Party leadership

Meretz bloc which replaced it have done their best to destroy what was

keep it out of power once a great social movement. But

THESE may all topple the Likud. But to ensure against its victory next elections, the opposition must do four things (again learning from the

· It must reure Shirnon Peres gracefully, and quickly. He must be

the first time many of the workingclass votes that otherwise follow David Levy or even Shas, it must devote at least as much energy to class issues as it now does to the peace

A key to this process is the rebuilding of the Histadrut. An example to follow comes, once again, from the US labor movement, which after electing an insurgent leadership to power last year is engaged in the most extensive orgamizing drive since the 1930s.

· If the opposition wants to win the next elections, it will not fight the religious parties head on. Meretz can do that and win all the secular Yuppie votes it wants. A serious opposition understands

that not only are some of the religious

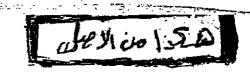
parties potential coalition partners, but

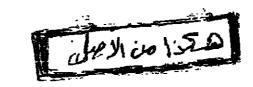
also that the left should be no more embusiastic about hedonistic, materialistic bourgeois culture than the religious Jews. Since when was the left cheerleader for everything imported from the advanced capitalist coun- Finally, the left should learn something positive from Meretz. A little bit of Yossi Sand's honesty would have helped Labor a lot. Telling Israelis -

starting right now - that there isn't going to be any peace without a Palestinian state, and that also means closing down Jewish settlements and (why not admit it?) a compromise over Jerusalem will help, not harm the opposition's cause.

If the Labor Party can get up the courage to say what it means, Netanyahu (who now claims to be supporting the peace process) will appear as the one with something to hide next elections.

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Sarabhai: A jewel in the crown of Indian dance

2,000-year-old tradition had fallen to such a state by the 1930s that the British proclaimed "all Indian dance is prostitution" and had it

But they hadn't reckoned on Mallika Sarabhai's mother. Through the efforts of Mrinalini, classical dance was restored to its proper place. Today it has become one of the most respectable professions," says her daughter. Sarabhai is herself a dancer, as well as an actress, a demographer, the director of one of India's most prestigious art academies and a social activist. "She [Mrinalini] also created

one of the leading dance schools academic degree in economics in India, Nowadays, everybody

Sarabhai's first performances in the region were given last month in Beit She'an, Tel Aviv, Cairo and Mansura, Egypt. On her way back from Egypt to her home in Ahmedabad, she stopped for an extra day in Tel Aviv and spoke

about her extraordinary life. Despite her mother's influence,

aching feet."

and later a Ph.D in organizational behavior. At 16, she also became one of India's finest film actresses with 25 lead roles to her credit.

"They were all art films, you know the kind of films that win awards but never get seen. They were very feminist films too, and I played women who were rape victims and who were taking their bosses to court," she recalls, with a warm engulfing smile. She admits that she liked the actual work on the films, "but I got very restless. I couldn't relate to the people who ran the industry, I felt like a fish out of water."

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

20. Sarabhai realized that after all she did want to dance. "I had just come out of a bad love affair and severe depression, and dance seemed the best cure."

But dancing alone would make life too boring for a woman who simply could not rest for a minute. And so she took over the management of her mother's academy. the Darpana Academy of Performing Arts, where students can learn classical and folk music, classical and contemporary dance, experimental theater and puppet four performing arts ensembles.

ONE OF the major differences between Indian and Western classical dance, she explains, is the use of mirrors in ballet training: "The correction of the dancers lies in the eyes of your teacher. We are not narcissistic at all. We have no interest in watching ourselves and glorifying the beauty of how we

She finds Western classical ballets "very limiting and boring. But I find contemporary dance quite exciting.

She elaborates by noting there are similarities between Indian dance and music, and jazz. "There

is so much sophistication in it. Every time you rehearse, you create something new. It is an art form of improvisation, but within very strict dramatic rules."

Sarabhai has more than a few channels to express her social, political and artistic ideas and

She has a newspaper column and she has a television talk show out of Delhi which is broadcast twice a week. Artistically Sarabhai has recent-

begun crossing over in her work. It all began when she was invited by Peter Brook to play the lead female role in the stage and film versions of the grand epic

Mahabharata "In more than one way this woman was a 21st-century role model. She was very proud of being a woman and never considering it as an apology."

Brook banned Sarabhai from dancing. "He told me that this is theater and that I must only act. I spent five years with the company of this show, and it was a great experience. Women used to come back stage and cry, saying that only now did they understand their lives.

"It is a show and a role that speaks to women all over the world, from the Aborigines in Australia to Jewish women in Brooklyn,

Ethiopians

on the

move

DORA SOWDEN

LEVEN Haifa University

Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance (June 2) as a group entitled the Eskesta Dance

Theater under the direction of the

lecturer, critic and writer Ruth

Their movements, derived from

their communal memories, are

danced in silence or accompanied by drum, flute and voices. The

themes reflected various aspects of

their lives, such as their attitude to

Dressed in white, the dancers' movements included characteristic

shoulder shivering, head shifting

TWO DANCE events this week

brought to mind a quotation by a

celebrated American dance critic:

"They all want to be choreogra-

phers."
The annual memorial Gertrude

Kraus choreographic competition

brought together a score of contes-

tants at the Hebrew University

Givat Ram campus (June 10); and

at the Inbal Theater in Tel Aviv, six

members of the Batsheva

Ensemble tried themselves out

and body thythms.

water, to ceremony and to prayer.

Eshel. The dancers showed they could enrich the country's ethnic

students, originally from Ethiopia, came to the

Just for the fun of it all

IN TUNE DAVID BRINN

CRASH Dave Matthews Band (Hed Artzi)

YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE IN SOMETHING Spin Doctors (NMC)

HESE two bands have been touted as filling the good-vibe hole created by the demise of the Grateful Dead. While neither outwardly share much in common with the Dead, they do share a kindred spirit for unconventional approaches to music and an irreverent attitude.

The Dave Matthews Band features a refreshing sound emphasizing homs and electric violin instead of the usual guitars. The lineup isn't new of course, with bands utilizing similar lineups including Sixties bygones like It's a Beautiful Day and Seatrain.

However, Matthews and company blend powerful song structures with improvisation and excellent musicianship in a way that few have done before. Occasionally, their ambitions threaten to blow the music into the pretentious ocean of progressive rock but Matthews seems to have developed good instincts on when enough is enough.

linges of Gaoriei s polyrhythms, Bruce Hornsby's cinematic flourishes and Sting's vocal style pop up in various passages, and producer Steve Lillywhite contributes a rock-

wants to send their children to classical music and dance Schools,"

Sarabhai was determined not to become a dancer, "I did not see the glamour in it, but only the

Meanwhile, she completed an



Judging by his latest single, 'Roaming Melody,' Meir Banai is continuing to create classy, adult acoustic music.

solid edge potent enough for the teen audience.

The album's two masterpieces, 'Cry Freedom" and the nineminute "Proudest Monkey," do away with stylings and focus on the senses, catching the listener up in a swirl of crescendo and release, much like the best of the Dead's improvisational work.

IF KC & the Sunshine Band had been white hippies playing in the Nineties, they would probably sound like the Spin Doctors. This theory passes the test on the final uncredited track on You've

Got to Believe in Something. It's a ragged guitar version of KC's "That's the Way I Like It." which head doctor Chris Barron plays straight but still winds up being funny. Somebow it works, not so different from the Dead

the Spin Doctors sound, whether they're abusing the aforementioned funky rhythms or developing catchy pop ditties like "I Can't Believe You're Still with Her" and the album's first single, "She Used to Be Mine." Perhaps the standout track is "Where Angels Fear to Tread," an upbeat tune with a Squeezelike melody.

Front man Barron is like the good-natured guy from the dorm "Dancing in the Streets" in 'ready for any occasion. His endearing persona and unique vocal nuances help even weaker tracks stand on their own.

Final proof that these guys are renaissance hippies are the liner notes, which must be both the longest and the most poorly scrawled in the history of album and CD covers. Like the Dead, the Spin Doctors and the Dave Matthews Band give the impression that

PEOPLE OF THE SONG Meir Banai (NMC) "Roaming Melody," the first ngle from the upcoming album

they're in it not for the money,

but for the fun of it.

by local veteran Meir Banai, is a winning acoustic tune that continues in his laid-back vein. Of the famed Banai clan, Meir has consistently created classy, adult music, and this is no exception.

BIRDS IN NEUTRAL Soundtrack (NMC)

One of the highlights of the locally made film Birds in Neutral, to be released at the end of the month, will surely be the sound track, featuring 14 tunes by young Israeli bands, including Noise and Ziknai Tzfat. An advance release of one of the songs, written by director and screenwriter Galit Eshkol, "You Said That You Don't Care" performed by Kfir Ben-Liss, is pretty standard rock, with a slight country flavor. The film soundtrack should be a lot better.

It would be rash to judge from one work, but the dancers were well-versed in the toe rules of the game, though some were more concenned with staging (with theater, in fact) than with dance forms.

choreographically too.

Anat Shamgar who appeared at the Habama Theater in Talpio Jerusalem (June 12), confirmed that she has her own style of modem dance. Her movements seemed to aim at looking improvisatory but did not succumb to the pitfalls of chance. Her body was controlled even where it seemed to aim most at risk, and deliberate even where she suggested a sudden haphazard idea. Her hour of performance, entitled Monologue, was a "fringe" event but kept her in the category of Israel's foremost soloists.

Nagore season's best tenor in an unstormy 'Werther'

IIIH Werther by Jules Massenet, the New Israeli Opera scored one of its biggest successes. Only very rarely can one say that a whole cast of a production is excellent. In Werther all the characters were convincing, especially tenor Antonio Nagore and mezzo Sara Fulgoni.

Jean Claude Auvray's direction was functional. Avoiding unnecessary sophistication, he allowed the simple story to go its way. Werther is not a dramatic opera but a simple story of an impossible love. It is a lyrical, intimate and immensely tender work. Charlotte's husband Albert accepts his lot willingly and only once in the whole opera, when Albert orders his wife to hand the pistols to Werther's servant is there a moment of malice. Thus Auvray remains in the background for most of the time. He allows the music to speakin the voice of conductor Gary Bertini.

Behind every sung or played phrase one could feel Bertini's immense involvement, his understanding of the music and his dedication to the interpretation. When the stage was empty or when only secondary characters were involved, Bertini kept the orchestra in the background but at the dramatic peaks, in the great love duets and arias of the second, third and fourth act, Bertini led the singers to their climaxes allowing the orchestra to burst into magnificent tuttis.

As to the two principals, Nagore is perhaps the best tenor we have had here this season, and though his acting is inferior to his singing, he was an ideal choice for Werther. Fulgoni acts marvelously and though we could have done with slightly more change of timbre and expression in her singing, she too was an excellent choice. The two created moments of great vocal and emotional beauty and the audience reacted accordingly.

Baritone Didier Henry as Albert, soprano Brigine Lafon as Sophie, tenor Sami Bechar as Schmidt, baritone Boaz Daniel as

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CONCERT ROUNDUP

Johann and baritone François Loup as the Bailiff, all acquitted themselves with flying colors.

this production however was Bertini's ability to get the audience to identify with all the characters, particularly the two lovers. The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, June 11.

Benjamin Bar-Am

WHOEVER expected fireworks from the guitarist brothers Sergio and Odair Assad from Brazil would have been surprised to hear the almost lute-like tenderness of playing, not only in Rameau's Tender Complaints but in almost their entire program. Their playing was of extreme delicacy and softness, produced by an uncommonly light, caressing touch, aesthetically refined rather than emotionally expressive. Their accuracy of coordination was phenomenal, and so was their virtuosity in technically extremely demanding passages.

As for their program, it was hardly exceptionally attractive. Four out of the seven pieces were arrangements of works composed for other instruments, which is perhaps inevitable due to the scarcity of original compositions for a guitar duo. Sergio Assad's own suite proceeds in a mainly Romantic style, seasoned by discreet dissonances and beats on the guitar's body, for the sake of

modernity. The French Roland Dien's Core Nord is mildly amusing with its mimed motions suggesting a

floating ship and some other entertaining ideas.

Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue in an arrangement for two guitars had, at best, curiosity value. It The greatest achievement of might be appreciated more by an American audience. Jerusalem Theater, Israel

Festival, June 9. Ury Eppstein

SHOSTAKOVICH concentrates on unequivocally sardonic, illhumored utterances in his scherzo, and on bitter, not-so-veiled irony in the finale of his piano quintet. Pianist Yefim Bronfman and the Emerson String Quartet, in their joint performance, captured these qualities quite convincingly. The profoundly depressing, melancholy slow movements could thus emerge naturally as un-comic relief. In Brahms's Piano Quintet,

pianist and strings seemed to function in separate worlds - the strings in that of Brahms, and Bronfman in his own. Rushing forward, unmindful of his colleagues, the pianist just left them behind, attempting desperately to catch up with him.

The pianist's attitude and volume were domineering. The brutal galloping through the work, ignoring the non troppo that modifies the first movement's allegro and the un poco adagio that qualifies the andante, turned the event from the performance of a supposedly Romantic work to a showdown between two competing forces.

Jerusalem Theater, Israel Festival, June 10. Ury Eppstein

In these times you cannot

AFFORD to be without

THE JERUSALEM

A biblical abridgment adapted and directed by Rina Yerushalmi. Music. Israel Bright. Design, Dror Herrenson, Lighting design. Avi Losign Bouene. Sound, Frankie Lievart. In Theater Ensemble with the Cameri Theater Tel

VAYOMER VAYELECH

Aviv. at the Sherover Theater, Israel Festival Cast: Itim's 12-actor ensemble **▼OMPARED** to its early years, the Israel Festival's theatrical offerings have been declining sharply of late.

This year, however, the trend was dramatically reversed by a towering theatrical triumph. Rina Yerushalmi's dramatization of the Bible stands somewhere between historic pageant and modern morality. It follows two other global masterpieces of century, Peter Brook's Mahabharata and Menonshkine's L'Indiade. For epic grandeur, uni-

originality it levels with both. To Israelis, confronted for the first time with staged text, language and biblical idiom, it has infinitely greater implications. It is a soul-shaking reincarnation in multiple modern theatrical modes of the seminal source of our creed and culture.

versal significance and artistic

It treats the primeval impulses, angst, despair, human frailty and national vicissitudes that bug the history of our people and, indeed,

LAST WEEKS ON

WEEK WEEK CHARTS

The Bible – abridged, but undiminished ritual incantation. Vayomer Vayelech will be

THEATER REVIEW NAOMI DOUDAL

that of all mankind. Starting with the Garden of Eden, it winds through the Five Books of Moses and then to Judges, Joshua and

Jeremiah, in a daring illustration

of its eternal contemporaneity. Auteur-director par excellence, Yerushalmi bides by all Brook's dictums. She charges the powerful emotions and ancient myth with physical, choreographic and verbal virtuosity investing them with a new awareness. By getting at what Brook has called "the inner solendor" of the material she offers a "shared expression to a

personal discovery. The play is dignified too by perfect diction and glorious Hebrew. For once, young actors have abandoned their unspeakable Sheinkin Street lingo, venerating a new tradition of locution akin to that of Francaise Comedie Shakespearean theater.

The rectangular, cathedral-like mise-en-scene conjures up a spirit of worship and reverent awe for the slowly unfolding, four-hour saga. Choral undertones and Bambi's striking overhead lighting are joined by performers in sober, priestly garb. The production uses the techniques of storytelling, Eastern dance-drama, and

THE LETTER

Correction

THE Niggunim Festival of Circassian, Druse and Mediterranean I music will be held in Marom Hagalil from August 6-8, and not as printed in the poster section of this week's Time Out.

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

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This is the second collection of biblical compositions by Max Stem, comprising an important collection - 'while based on the sources, they break out of the borders of the past and touch the future.' Recorded on this disc are Bereshith: Creation of the World, Song of the Morning Stars, Phytatasia: Sephantic Fantasy, Sonnet for Orchestra, Serande to a City. Performed by Ashdod Chamber Orchestra, Israel Simfonietta Beer Sheva, Wendy Eisler-Kashi and Alan Stemfield, Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, string sextet and sololists.

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Three Israeli Composers

The Ashdod Chamber Orchestra has received critical acclaim, not only for its high musical level and the variety of its repertoire, but also for its artistic commitment to israell and jewish music. Here it presents works by three contemporary Israell composers.

Yehezkel Braus - Mizmor, Psalm for Strings

Andre Haidz - Truat HaMelech (King's Fanfare)

Haim D. Zukerwar - Tehilat HaNavi (The Cambole of the Prophet)

Performed by the Ashdod Chamber Orchestra, with Roy Shilosh, violin, and Orlf Orbach, clarinet, conducted by Luls Gorellik.

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Propper: I backed peace, not Peres

MANUFACTURERS Associa tion president Dan Propper yesterday denied he had supported Prime Minister Shimon Peres during the recent election campaign, saying he had merely been expressing broad support for the peace process.

Propper was reacting to criti-cism from businessmen who said that in his role as president of the association, he had no right to show a preference for a political party or candidate, which they say he expressed at a pro-Peres gathering of industry leaders several days before the elections.

he never signed any political

peacetime economy" Propper added that he also has faith in prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu.

"He [Netanyahu] sees the importance of peace. Of course, everyone sees differently the way by which to achieve it," said

relationships" between the sew-

age infrastructure and illness,

pointing to last year's cholera

outbreak in Gaza City as the re-

sult of overflowing sewage and

"After [last year's] rainy sea-

son there was water overflowing

from two reservoirs," he said.

"Water was at the ankle and hip

level in the homes of the people

that live around [the reservoirs].

There were also millions of flies

During the first phase of the wastewater project, USAID de-

veloped emergency measures to halt post-rainy season flooding, while the second phase will devel-

op a permanent drainage and

Representatives of Metcalf and

Eddy, which was one of six firms

to bid for the tender, will work with Gaza City engineers and the local municipality. The project is

financed through the \$500 million

pledged by the US in support of

Palestinian efforts in the Middle

in the [their] residences."

sewage system.

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US firm to build Gaza sewage system

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

A team of contractors from the Massachusettes-based consulting firm Metcalf and Eddy International is to arrive in Gaza City today to begin work on the second phase of the Gaza Stormwater and Wastewater project.

This part of the \$40 million project sponsored by the US Agency for International Develcoment will focus on repairing and renovating the sewage and storm draining network in Gaza

City.
"I think [this] is the donor project that is going to have the largest impact on the lives of Palestinians," said Christoper Crowley, director of the USAID's Mission to the West Bank and Gaza, adding that half the population of Gaza City, approximately 50,000 people, will benefit from the improved

Although there isn't much reliable data linking sewage conditions with bealth problems, Crowley said there are "clearly Palestinian efforts in indicators that there are direct East peace process."

"I showed support for the peace process, not for Peres, and is wrong to claim that I preferred him," said Propper, and added that in his current position

Reiterating his belief in "a

next 25 years. The license to be awarded in the future to the company's competitors - which will be selected by a ministry tender - will have the same wording, the ministry said yesterday.

IN her final official act as

communications minister.

Shulamit Aloni yesterday

granted Bezeq International its

operating license to provide

overseas phone service for the

by Moshe Haba, was established recently when Bezeq was required to forgo overseas dialing and hand that service to a subsidiary. Aloni said that despite - and probably because of - the requirement to establish subsidiaries, Bezeq has

Bezeq International, chaired

gets operating license

Bezeq's int'l subsidiary

expanded, become more efficient, its prices have become reasonable and its services have

Bezeq International's new license allows the company to supply a variety of international services on a subscription and non-subscription basis. The 25year license may be extended for an additional 10 years or more and sets down terms that ensure fair competition.

The subsidiary said yesterday that its motto, "We turn over worlds for you," will be its guiding light in supplying the best services to its customers. Company managing director Daniel Rosen said most of the employ-

ees are "professional and welltrained staff coming from Bezeq itself." In addition, a number of marketing experts would be added to the staff.

Bezeq director-general Yitz-hak Kaul thanked Aloni for her three years in the ministry. The company welcomes competition, he said, but the change in the telecommunications sector's structure requires the establishment of a professional telecommunications authority to guide

Bezeq is now becoming a consortium of subsidiaries, Kauladded. The sector's liberalization will not be complete until the company's privatization is speeded up and its "controlling nucleus" is sold, he said.



Acting US trade representative Charlene Barshevsky (right) speaks to reporters with colleague Lee Sands (center) during talks with Chinese officials in the Chinese capital over copyright piracy. The US averted a costly trade war by withdrawing threatened sanctions against China after Beijing pledged to stamp out copyright piracy. (Reuter)

Moda'i: '96 inflation could reach 20% **Postal Authority shows profit** COMPANY RESULTS if new government will be slow to act

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

tures with British businessman and negotiate with the authorities.

the council to help solve problems

with the authorities. In many

cases, we succeed, but not al-

at the meeting was the establish-

ment of a fund, similar to the

BIRD Foundation, which will help

facilitate research and develop-

The council also decided to en-

hance links between Britain and

Israel with regard to a wide range

of financial services, and to en-

courage Israeli companies to float

shares on the London stock ex-

change in order to raise capital.

Among the activities discussed

ways," said Propper.

ment projects.

I have called upon members of

THE Postal Authority ended the first quarter with net profits of NIS 4.4 million, a sharp turn around on the same period last year when it lost NTS 2.9m.

Income totaled NIS 298.2m., a 10 percent increase on the NIS 270.7m. recorded in 1995, Director-General Ran Levin said

Expenditures were NIS 273, an increase in real terms of 6% on the NIS 257.6 for the first

quarter last year. The authority transferred \$9.8m in royalties to the govern-

LONDON (Reuter) - Copper

prices stabilized yesterday with

help from government regula-

tors, defying predictions of a col-

lapse in reaction to the scandal

over Japanese star trader Yasuo

Hamanaka's \$1.8 billion losses.

British regulators were also

said by official sources to have

spent part of the weekend closely

questioning senior executives of

his company. Sumitomo Corp.

about his unauthorized dealings

during a decade as its top metals

Storm warnings stayed hoisted

over world trading in metals, as

anxiety prevailed over whether

Hamanaka's huge holding had

been unwound - even as fraud

inquiries went forward on suspi-

cions that there had been a global

But fears of a collapse in prices

bid to rig the market.

man.

Copper sags, then steadies

in Hamanaka storm

"The figures are very positive," said authority spokeswoman Sigal Galil. The telecommunications ter-

minal sales firm Bezeq-Bit reported a 300% increase in sales for the first quarter over the previous quarter.

Quarterly net profits the Bezeq subsidiary were NIS 1.75m. The company was set up in 1995 as part of the continuing privatization program. Bezeq-Bit's products include fax machines, business systems, and accessories.

after probably the biggest loss ever suffered in a financial mar-

The benchmark London Metal

Exchange (LME) three months

delivery copper contract dropped

early almost to \$1.800 per tonne

from a close on Friday at \$1,980

then recovered to end Monday in

A meltown in copper might

have unnerved other financial

markets, and regulators, with

central banks working behind the

scenes, closely monitored trading

Trade sources did not discount

reports that the regulators helped

ensure an orderly unwinding of the

Hamanaka legacy among long and

short participants in the market.

Bankers Trust said in a report

that there had been waves of

heavy selling in copper indicative

of a long position being sold out,

the latest being on June 5 and 6

when prices at one point dropped

ket seemed premature.

London back at \$1,980.

vesterday.

THE annual inflation rate might reach 20 percent this year if the new government does not take immediate measures to reduce it as part of a comprehensive economic program, former Likud finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i said yesterday.

Mod'ai said a new economic program is urgently needed to change the economy's direction and ultimately stabilize it. The major components of such a plan should should deal with the budget and trade deficits, rising inflation and interest rates, and result in the final removal of all foreign currency supervision and a lowering of the tax burden, he said.

A new economic plan must also generate a capital-market recovery, including the currently slumping provident funds, and measures to accelerate foreign investment and improve the performance of the business sector.

Referring to the outgoing government Moda'i said its economic leadership was "hallucinating," and only is only now realizing the gravity of the

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

problems it is passing on. According to Moda'i, there are around a dozen corrections that would have to be implemented simultaneously to achieve the necessary results.

"At the moment there is nothing that has a sound base. Nothing is stable in the economy. The situation of the capital market is so bad, that one could almost laugh at it, if it weren't so sad," he

Outgoing Finance Minister Avraham Shohat did "nothing" to reverse the macro-economic problems which it leaves the new government, Moda'i said.

Consequently, the new finance minister will have to take significant measures "which may be difficult for him, but not necessarily for the econo-

my," he said.
"In fact, the opposite is true. The public is now suffering due to losses in its saving plans and capital-market investments, while at the same time it is paying high taxes," he said.

Lord Young urges new gov't to Bezeq raises NIS 600m. from speed up infrastructure projects local banks

DAVID HARRIS

BEZEQ has succeeded in raising NIS 600 million from banks Discount, Hapoalim, and Mizrahi, and from the sale of non-trading bonds to institutional bodies, such as Bank Leumi's provident fund.

The 10-year loan is linked to the cost-of-living index, with a 4.7 percent interest rate. The money will be used to repay existing loans to banks and one taken with the government when the. company was established in 1984.

It will also help Bezeq implement a variety of investment programs, which the company say will cost NIS 3 billion this year. In March, Bezeq succeeded in obtaining a \$200m. loan from an

international consortium of "The loan was obtained in a context that needed a balance between domestic and international sources," vice president for finance Avi Hochman said yesterday. "The balance has been worked out to prevent sharp fluc-

tuations in the company's business results." Shares rose 2 percent in late trading yesterday, as speculation grew about the possibility of the government selling part of its stake in the company, traders

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Local company to produce CD for the ADA: Optimedia, a multimedia company, will produce a CD-Rom version of the American Dental Association's monthly journal, JADA,

containing back issues from the past six years.

The \$30-million deal with the ADA, the world's largest dentists' association, requires Optimedia to update the CD annually for the next three years. ADA has reported receiving 500 orders for the first CD.

IAI buys Tadiran's electro-optic production line: Israel Aircraft Industry's Tamam division has bought Tadiran's electro-optic documentation production line for an undisclosed sum, executives announced yesterday.

The Tadiran production line includes documentation and mapping facilities for unmanned air reconnaissance vehicles and jets. Among the products are the Lairs and Night Lairs, which provide for night and day photography as well as the new Tadiran product, Moked-2000, which is meant for the

IAI executives expect the new line, which will be integrated into Tamam, to generate an additional \$5 million per year in revenues.

Lockheed will sponsor Cairo economic summit: Lockheed Martin will be a sponsor of the Middle East economic summit to be held in Cairo in December, the company said yesterday. Executives said that the sponsorship is aimed at persuading the region that Lockheed, which has an office in Israel, intends on participating in projects that bolster the peace process. The summit is scheduled for December 12-14 and is expected to attract 2,500 delegates. Steve Rodan

EU to order VW to repay 240 million marks: The European Commission is expected to order German car maker Volkswagen today to repay 240 million marks in subsidies it received in excess for carrying out an investment in former East Germany, European Union sources said yesterday.

The amount is part of a 950-million marks aid package to help finance an investment intended to increase production in the company's Golf model which totalled 4.7 billion marks. The expected ruling is another major setback for

Germany which has seen its ability of controlling the way public money is used by businesses seriously questioned in recent high-profile cases. These include huge subsidies to shipbuilding firm Bremer Vulkan and an investment by French oil company Elf Aquitaine in the construction of a refinery in Leuna, east Germany, which also received aid.

Bezeq's Goldnet to offer access to Internet

WITHIN a few days, Bezeq will offer Internet access to non-subscribers through its subsidiary, Goldnet. Outgoing Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni had barred the public telecommunications company from providing such a service itself, but has not objected to a subsidiary

Goldnet is owned by Bezeq, AT&T, Binat and Malam. Users will be able to dial 135 on their computer modems and reach Bezeq/Goldnet's "multimedia kiosk." They can then access any address on the Internet, with the

charge going to their phone bill. Although the official rates have not been approved, the cost of the service is expected to be 3 agorot per minute plus a local

phone with (the length depending on the time of day the call is

Bezeq's eagerness to offer Internet access to individuals who do not subscribe to an Internet account aroused much opposition among Internet servers who feared the competition. Bezeq preferred to supply the non-subscription service itself, but will at least in the interim - have to work through its subsidiary. Officials hope to persuade the next communications minister to reverse Aloni's decision.

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul said that Bezeg would charge Goldnet the full cost of infrastructure for the service and not grant any favoritism or crosssubsidization.

Industrialists to receive NIS 70m. compensation for Grapes of Wrath

DAVID HARRIS

THE total compensation to be paid to industrialists who suffered losses as a result of Operation Grapes of Wrath is likely to reach NIS 70 million, according to the Income Tax and Property Tax Commissioner

The reimbursements cover a variety of losses incurred, including salary payments, operating costs, and lack of profits. The commission reported NIS 40m has already been payed out. The

sectors which are receiving compensation include: commerce and services, hotels and guest houses, and agriculture. Around 100 businesses in the North have been placed on the compensation list. Those who have agreed to receive compensation via the official list will be paid within 10 days of the final agreement.

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Lord Young, chairman of Young

Associates, said at the end of a

council meeting in Tel Aviv

Young said the Tel Aviv-area

suburban rail project, the Trans-

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and energy projects like the cross-

country gas pipeline were stuck in

the government bureaucracy. He appealed to council representa-

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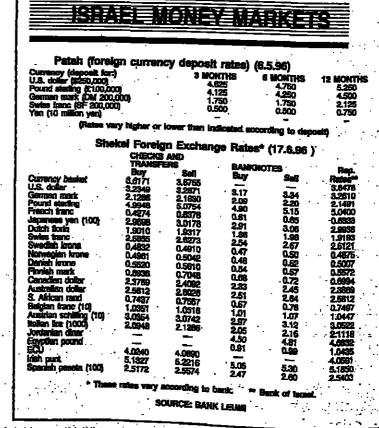
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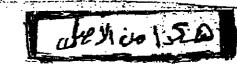
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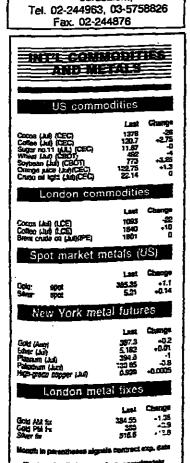
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Stocks rise amid speculation on new finance minister

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Two-Sided index

STOCK indexes rose yesterday on prospects the post of finance minister would go to either Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel or to the Likud's Dan Meridor, both of whom were welcomed by the market.

Frenkel was apparently offered the post on Sunday but there were reports yesterday that prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu had withdrawn the offer and discussed the post with Meridor. The Maof Index rose 2.33%, to

216.78 and the Two-Sided Index rose 2.53%, to 205.37.

Of 991 shares traded across the exchange, nearly 10 times as many shares rose as fell. Some NIS 102.1 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 32m. above vesterday's level.

Koor, the most active share on the exchange with NIS 8.6m.

worth of shares changing hands, was the only Maof-listed share to decline, falling 1%.

Investors sold Koor shares amid concern the company's cement manufacturing subsidiary Nesher was selling significantly less cement, said traders. In early trading in New York, Koor's American Depositary Receipts were unchanged at 17%.

Gaining Maof-listed shares included Bezeq, which rose 2.5% The phone company said it had raised NIS 600m. by way of a loan from a group of banks and the sale of non-trading bonds.

Bezeq's share price was also boosted by statements that Netanyahu will sell state-owned assets, said Alt. "The government could actually sell part of Be-

London shares close slightly higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Shares made a cautious start to the week, ending modestly higher in a London market unsuccessfully looking for a decisive lead and fresh impetus. Early results from the Russian presidential elections helped lift sentiment from the off, but caution ahead of economic data today and tomorrow and little news over the weekend left markets lacking a firm direction. The FTSE 100 closed 7.9 points higher at 3,761.5, well below the day's best.

FRANKFURT - Shares got the week off to a mostly steady start amid relief at Yeltsin's showing in the Russian weekend polls, but bad corporate news hit carmaker Volkswagen. The 30share blue chip DAX index end-

ed bourse trade down 2.71 points at 2,546.12 points, having remained in a six point range throughout the session. In the post-bourse session, the IBIS DAX inched up to end at 2,549.71.

PARIS - Stocks' finished slightly higher in quiet trade, continuing consolidation seen last week. Traders said they were looking for further small gains in coming days. The blue-chip CAC-40 index ended up 1.26 points at

ZURICH - Shares closed firmer in quiet trading. Dealers said the market lacked direction with results from the first round of the ing largely ignored. The broad SPI was up 2.97 to 2333.47.

NYSE blue chip stocks close higher in quiet trading

WALL STREET REPORT

chip stocks shook off early weakness to close slightly higher yesterday, tracking bonds, but the broader market was mixed and trading remained lackluster.

Based on early and unofficial

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue- data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended up 3.33 points at 5,652.78. Volume was a quiet 299 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange, where declining issues led advances by a small

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TODAY

(Continued from Page 1) Sharon in, but when the panicky Likud negotiators reached Shas leader Aryeh Deri in London, they received a categorical rejection.

Meanwhile, Meridor was offered the Finance portfolio with the budget division left under its auspices, and not moved to the Prime Minister's Office as initial- ment unless Meridor does. Begin ly planned. However, it was sug- met with Netanyahu yesterday, gested that the ministry would lose its control of governmentowned companies and the rich portfolio. patronage possibilities they offer.

Meridor had not yet agreed appointment is not certain was ment to Meridor.

But yet other sources said that would once more have to give up ed all along,

the idea of giving a portfolio to an outside expert - Dr. Ya'acov

Meridor had expressed readiness to take Justice, but after the offer of Finance, it is doubtful he would be willing to switch again.

MK Ze'ev Binyamin Begin has said he will not join the governand was reportedly offered the Science and Technology

The only Likud higher-up who accepted a minor portfolio was when the news that the entire Moshe Katsav, who agreed to settle for Tourism. He was promleaked by those around Netan- ised a deputy premiership as well. yahu. Avigdor Lieberman, the Thus he will join David Levy, premier-elect's right-hand man, Rafael Eitan, and Zevulun Hamwas said to be seeking to get mer as deputy premiers. The law Frenkel back into the picture. would have to be amended to Other sources close to Netanyahu allow all these deputies, as all said he stood fast by his commit- that is currently allowed is one acting premier.

The Likud's more junior ministhe new solution to the Sharon terial aspirants still await their problem was to give him Finance appointments. It was assumed and to give Meridor the Justice that Tzahi Hanegbi would get Ministry, which he once headed. Health and Limor Livnat Com-But this would mean Netanyahu munications, which she has want-

Hogan helps Jones tame Matusevich shines at national meet monster, win Open

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI he suffered in a 1991 dirt bike for the championship. (Reuter) - Forty-five years after Ben Hogan tamed the "monster" that is Oakland Hills, he inspired Steve Jones to do the same.

Jones, like Hogan, came back from a serious injury to win the US Open at the famous course and he credited his stirring victory to a book about Hogan.

"I don't think I could have won this tournament without that book," the 37-year-old Jones said after he won his first major championship on Sunday by one stroke over Tom Lehman and Davis Love - who also have had key roles in Jones's storybook life. "He really inspired me," Jones said of Hogan.

"I did just what Hogan did focus on every shot and not worry about anything else," Jones said after he came from behind to win the sixth Open played at Oakland Hills, which Hogan called a "monster" after he won the 1951 Open here.

Jones also emulated Hogan, who was almost killed in a car accident in 1948, by returning to professional golf after almost three years sidelined by injuries

LONDON (Reuter) - Host

England, buoyed by a rousing win

over old rivals Scotland, meets the

Netherlands today with a draw

sufficient to take both into the last

eight of Euro 96 but each side

by domestic media criticism, con-

founded their detractors at

Wembley on Saturday when they

raised their game in a thrilling

second half to defeat Scotland 2-0

With Alan Shearer rediscover-

ing his international scoring

touch, Paul Gascoigne conjuring

up a goal of rare genius and goal-

keeper David Seaman producing a

heroic penalty save in a com-

manding performance, England

can take heart for bigger tasks

Victory was a release after

recent tribulations and a dismal

run in European championship

final tournaments in which

England had not won since

defeating Spain in 1980. The extra

spice of nailing neighbors

Scotland added to the euphoria of

Life is indeed looking up after

the Wembley fans.

and seize the lead in group A.

promising to aim for more. The England side, beleaguered accident

"My accident wasn't anything like what Hogan went through, Jones admitted.

But he also acknowledged that for a while it looked like an injury to his left ring finger, which refused to heal, threatened to end

his very promising golf career.
"I baffled a lot of doctors. No one could quite figure out what was wrong," Jones said of his lingering injury.

"It turned out it was a ligament. You can't do anything about it - just wait until it heals." he said. While Jones was convalescing,

Lehman, his good friend and neighbor in Phoenix, kept in close touch, encouraging him to keep his spirits up.
"I just tried to be a friend,"

Lehman, who played the final round of the Open with Jones, said of those dark times for his friend. "I told him I was praying for him and to just keep working."
Lehman, who had led Jones by

one shot going into Sunday's finale, was still encouraging his friend on Sunday - even though they were battling head-to-head

England readies for Dutch

the disappointment of the opening 1-1 draw against unfancied Switzerland, but England coach

"We are inclined to be a nation

which thinks we are the worst

team in the world or the best.

the ground and make sure we go

into this next game the right way."

Former champions the Netherlands were held to a goal-

less draw by Scotland in their

group A opener but moved within

sight of a quarter-final place with

a 2-0 win over Switzerland thanks

to goals from Jordi Cruyff and

The Dutch have some way to go

to match the quality of Roud

Gullit's team which won this tour-

They have their troubles, too.

with volatile midfielder Edgar

Davids sent home after criticis-

ing manager Guus Hiddink for

dropping him from last Thursday's starting line-up

However, a place in the last

eight is theirs for the taking.

Both teams have four points

Dennis Bergkamp.

nament in 1988.

against the Swiss.

"We've got to keep our feet on

Terry Venables remains wary.

Neither is true," he said.

Jones, a religious man like Lehman, said his friend gave him some words of inspiration on the first hole and at least once more during their round together.

"He said the Lord wants us to be courageous and strong," Jones said. "I was trying, but I was really, really nervous. I don't know how strong I was."

Jones who had won four tournaments on the PGA Tour before his injury, also got another kind of help from his friend at the most crucial point of the tournament the final hole.

Jones faced a curling, 14-foot downhill putt for birdie and Lehman had a slightly longer putt in the same line. "I wasn't looking forward to that putt," Jones said, although he

only needed to two-putt for victo-Tom gave me a real good read," Jones said, although he left

the putt about a foot short. "If it was an inch longer, I don't think it would have gone in," Jones said of the clincher, which left Lehman and Love one shot

from their first two games and a draw today would see each

through, whatever the outcome of

Scotland's encounter with

Switzerland at Villa Park the same

Both managers, however, dis-

miss the possibility of a contrived

1996 European Championship First Round

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LAST NIGHT:

No matches scheduled TODAY:

Romania vs. Spain Scotland vs. Switzerland

England vs. Netherlands

France vs. Bulgaria

HEATHER CHAIT

NATIONAL high jumper Constantin Matusevich, who set a new Israeli record of 2.34 meters on Sunday in Milan. returned to Israel yesterday and headed straight for the National Athletics Championships at Hadar Yosef.

In Milan, Matusevich, whose new record lifts his previous indoor height by three centimeters and his outdoor one by 5cm, beat some leading high jumpers, including the world champion from Bahamas and his chances. for Olympic honors certainly look brighter.

Last night, on the second and last day of the championships, Matusevich jumped 2.25m for first place with Itai Margalit notching up 2.20. Philip Feingold added the 400m title to his 400m hurdles glory on Sunday, winning in 48.86 while among the women, Katrin Manrui from Belgium was first with 54.95, followed by Orit

Kolodny with 55.91.
As in the 100m, Regilio van der

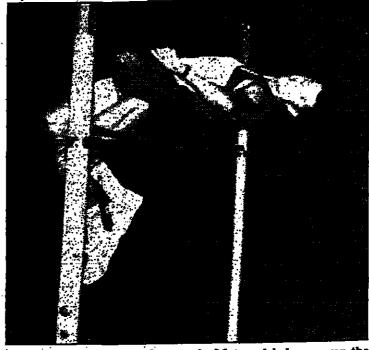
Flot and Frank Peri from Holland took the first two places in the 200m with Tomi Kafri moving in next with his time of 21.85. Van der Flot's time was 21.45.

Ofir Shmueli from Hapoel Tel Aviv won the 110m men's hurdles in 14.84. The 100m women's hurdles title went to Anat Morad from Hapoel Petah Tikva who won in 14.72 and then proceeded to seize the 200m in

Marina Shafran won the women's triple jump with her 11.86 distance while Mark Melissov took the men's long jump in 7.25.

The first Israeli in the 1500m race was Yosef Gizatcho in third place with 3:48.23 behind the Dutch winner Jorgen Itzpeler's time of 3:04.49.

Violira Ofriger from Hapoel Givat Ram won the women's



FREQUENT FLYER - Constantin Matusevich leaps over the bar en route to a first place showing yesterday at the National Athletics Championships at Hadar Yosef. (Uzm Ossendryver/Israel Son)

JOHN JEANSONNE

ATLANTA

EVERYTHING is fried in this town. Chicken. Fish. Potatoes. Okra. Chitlins. Even Carl Lewis. It's not the Atlanta weather that gets these otherwise flame-tested performers. It's the intense crucible of competition in the US Olympic Track & Field Trials that leaves only three athletes per event on the team.

The perfect example was Saturday night's men's 100-meter final, a scorched-earth happening if there ever was one. The race left both Lewis, who shut down his engines in the final 15 meters with a cramp in his right leg, and world record-holder Leroy Burrell, Lewis' Houston-based teammate, off the team. Lewis was dead last, almost walking, in 10.21, and

Burrell sixth in 10.07. Veteran Dennis Mitchell, 30, was the fry-er. His winning 9.92 is the fastest 100 meters in the world this year, on what the trials' competitors have been promising is a fast track. Second was Mike Marsh, another Lewis stablemate and the defending Olympic champion in the 200 meters, in 10.00. Third Was 27-year-old Jon' Druinmond, the top American

sprinter in 1995, in 10.01. "It was fantastic, man," Mitchell announced. "I got out well, ran hard, started cramping at the end, said, 'Lord, take me to the finish."

"Canada," declared Jeff Williams, whose fourth-place 10.06 puts him on the Olympic relay team, "you've got a buttwhipping coming," a reference to the Canadians' victory over the Americans in last year's world championships.

Lewis' failure to make the team came as a shock, in light of his strong late-spring showing on the track and soaring confidence. He had insisted again, on the eve of the 10-day trials, that he expected to make the team in the 100, 200 and long jump, and that would set him up for a fourth event, the sprint relay. To any talk that he might be fooling himself, at 34, Lewis answered, "People say you're embarrassing your legacy, trying to make the team again; that you're taking your name down. If I worried about embarrassing my legacy, I'd be afraid to try to live up to it, because I know

Lewis, Burrell fail to Last-minute heroics make US Olympic team give Essendon a win

MELBOURNE (AP) - Essendon forward Che Cockatoo-Collins kicked a point in the final minute Sunday to give his team a 13,12 (90) to 12.17 (89) win over Fremantie in an Australian Football League match.

Essendon took control in the first quarter and led by 20 points at the first change and by a goal at halftime. Fremantle fought back to lead by six points at the end of the third quarter.

In other matches on Sunday Melbourne beat Fitzroy 18.11 (119) to 8.8 (56) and the West Coast Eagles had an easy time defeating Collingwood 16.19 (115) to 9.8 (62).

On Saturday, Carlton rode to the top of the ladder with a strong

top of the ladder with a strong defensive effort in downing Brisbane 9.8 (62) to 5.8 (38). Carlton kept the Bears goalless in sloppy conditions for 40 minutes during the first half and another stretch of 44 minutes during the second half.

North Melbourne by 79 points with 10 goals from full-forward Tony Lockett. The Swans hammered North Melbourne 24.8 (152) to 10.13 (73) to record their highest score against the Kangaroos.
Geelong champion Gary About

Sydney thrashed league-leading

booted five goals to be only three shy of his 1,000th career goal in his side's 20.9 (129) to 12.13 (85) victory over Footscray at Kardinia

Richmond saw off a spirited

challenge by St. Kilda to win by 34 points. After a tight first half, the Tigers booted 10 goals to win 21.13 (139) to 15.15 (105).

Adelaide squandered a potentially match-winning break to lose by nine points to a determined Hawthorn at Waverley Park. The Hawks, inspired by nine goals from skipper Jason Dunstall. over-ran the Crows to win 16.12 (108) to 14.15 (99). Results of Australian Football match es at the weekend. Played Sunday:

West Coast 16.19 (115) Collingwood 9.8 (62) 13.12 (90) Fremantie 12.17 (89) Fitzroy 8.'8 (56) Melbourne 18.11 (119)

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AFL STANDINGS

(After 11 rounds)



GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) - Mel Steinbrenner said. "He was the University of Alabama team. Allen, whose lilting Alabama drawl became one of the great died Sunday at home. He was 83. A family member, who asked

not to be identified, confirmed the death, adding Allen had been ill for some time with an undisclosed condition. Allen had open heart surgery seven years ago. Allen had planned to return to work on a baseball project next

week. He had been working parttime recently doing commercials and narration for baseball anthologies. "Mel Allen meant as much to Yankee tradition as legends like

Mantle," team owner George

voice of the Yankees." ball's World Series and All-Star

He was best known, however, for applying his Alabama drawl to Yankees broadcasts and, for 17 years, as the voice of the weekly syndicated show, "This Week in Baseball."

game, to college football.

"How about that?" Allen asked so often, and it became his signature phrase, three words repeated over and over for years by young Yankees fans from the Bronx to Bayonne and back.

As a youngster, Ailen yearned to make the Hall of Fame as a play-Ruth, Gehrig, DiMaggio and er, but he was cut from the

"As a kid, I woke up every day In his 58 years as a sports broad- for sports," Allen once said. "I baseball letter in the field at Alabama, so I got one by being

student manager of the team." And he eventually would earn his trip to Cooperstown as a Hall of Fame announcer, the only one ever to call baseball games in seven decades.

Originally, Allen intended to become a lawyer, not a broadcaster. He did get his law degree, but he never hung out his shingle. Instead, he went to work in

Birmingham, Ala., broadcasting football games. It was obvious Allen did it for love. His salary was just \$5 a game.

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It wasn't long before his career own, did newsreel broadcasts and took a turn for the better. In 1936, he was in New York Star games. In 1952, he managed to

audition of announcers. A friend

at CBS suggested he give it a try

and, at age 23, he won out over 60 applicants. Allen became a staff announcer in 1937 and worked his first major assignment the next year. In 1940, Allen became the Yankees' lead announcer and, except for a fouryear tour in the Army, he did that

job until 1964. He returned to the Yankees in 1976 and continued with the team until joining This Week in

Allen always kept busy. He had a weekly network program of his covered the World Series and All-In all, Allen did 20 World Series, 24 All-Star games, 14 Rose Bowls, five Orange Bowls and two Sugar Bowls.

Although Allen's Yankees were in many of the World Series he covered, he insisted on playing it straight down the middle.

In fact, in the last game of the 1953 World Series, when the Dodgers' Carl Furillo hit a tworun homer in the ninth to tie it. Allen got so excited the Yankee Stadium switchboard buzzed with calls from irate fans. They thought their beloved Mel had jumped

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VEHICLES

Jerusalem

Yorkshire opens up 14-point lead in county championship

LONDON (Reuter) - Yorkshire opened a 14-point lead at the top of the county championship table yesterday with a comprehensive 10-wicket victory over holders Warwickshire at Headingley.
Yorkshire Wrapped-up

Warwickshire's final six wickets for 103 runs, with Darren Gough picking up two wickets to add to his maiden first class century made on Saturday.

Openers Martyn Moxon and Michael Vaughan were untroubled in scoring the required 28 runs to complete a 22-point win on the fourth day.

Kent, who started the latest round of matches a point behind Yorkshire, could manage only a draw against Middlesex at

Canterbury.

Set 299 to win in a minimum of 56 overs, the home side were well poised at 143 for two, but three wickets by Phil Tufnell saw them slump to 164 for six. Mark Ealham (23 not out) and Martin McCague (24 not out) guided

Kent to safety and the three extra points for a draw. Chris Lewis, who picked up only his third five-wicket haul in test matches against India at Edgbaston earlier this month, took three for 13 in 11 balls at The Oval as Surrey accounted for

Leicestershire by 108 runs. Lewis bagged his best figures for Surrey, five for 25, as the visitors, chasing 284 for victory off 56 overs, were skittled out for

Off-spinner Robert Croft also enjoyed a good day, returning his best bowling figures of the season as Glamorgan claimed a 173-run victory over Somerset at Swansea. Set to score 327 after Glamorgan declared .45 minutes before lunch, Somerset were bowled out for 153, with Croft

taking six for 78 off 33.2 overs. Worcestershire Nottinghamshire are still looking to end a run of 12 championship matches without a win after their New Road encounter ended in a

The game at Chelmsford also ended in a draw, with Essex, set Northamptonshire, hanging on to reach the close at 204 for eight.

Results of four-day English county championship cricket matches yesterday: At Headingley: Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by ten wickets.

Warwickshire 306 and 229. Yorkshire 508 and 28-0. Yorkshire 22 points Warwickshire 5. At Swansea: Glamorgan beat Somerset by 173 runs. Glamorgan

310 and and 354-7 declared 275-3 (S.James 110, P.Cottey 61). Somerset 338 and 153 (R.Croft 6-

78). Glamorgan 22 points Somerset At Worcester: Worcestershire v

Nottinghamshire match drawn, Worcestershire 493-9 declared and 194-4 declared (G.Hick 85, P.Weston 54). Nottinghamshire 392 and 159-4 (R.Robinson 111 not Worcestershire and Nottinghamshire 10 points.

At Canterbury: Kent v Middlesex match drawn. Middlesex 441 and 247 (J.Long 5-21). Kent 390-8 declared and 205-6 (MLFleming 59). Kent 9 points Middlesex 10.

At Chelmsford: Essex v Northamptonshire match drawn. Northamptonshire 214 and 482-9 declared. Essex 308 and 204-8 (J.Emburey 4-48). Essex 10 points Normamptonshire 8.

At The Oval: Surrey beat Leicestershire by 108 runs. Surrey 452 and 242-6 declared (M.Butcher 66. G.Kersey 59 not out: P.Simmons 4-56). Leicestershire 411 and 175 (C.Lewis 5-25). Surrey 24 points Leichestershire 5.

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TIKKUN Hatzot ("Midnight Prayer") by Amnon Levi and Rami Danon, the pair who created the long-running Sheindele, returns to the haredi world to tell the story of Bearke (Yoram Hanab), a young Moroccan educated in a Bnei Brak yeshiva, who becomes an MK and a minister. Hattab. Yossi Graber as the Ashkenazi and Arye Elias as the Sephardi rabbis are a revelation. It's directed by Danon. On the Cameri Theater mainstage tonight at 8:30. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English.)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

IN a rare double header the Israel Chamber Orchestra approaches Mozart from some unusual directions. In the orchestra's final multimedia concert of the season the evening opens with Rimsky-Korsakov's 45-minute opera Mozart and Salieri, in which Yuri Kissin as the infamous Salieri tells how he actually caused the death of Amadeus, here portrayed by Yevgeni Shapovalov.

After the intermission music lovers will be able to enjoy Don Giovanni Revisited, a 75-minute multimedia opera by Israeli com-

poser Amnon Wolman who tries to take a new, modern look at Mozart's original masterpiece. Gladys Mayo and Dan Etinger portray all the characters from Mozart's opera in Wolman's adaptation while Yuli Turovsky is on the podium. The video-animated masks are by Mark Ward and Bill Wise. Tomorrow and Thursday at the Noga Theater in Jaffa (8:30).

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

TOMORROW is your last chance to see the Batsheva Ensemble's special program devoted to new short works by ensemble members as well as by guests Yuval Pic and Hana Weisman. At the Suzanne Dellal Centre in Tel Aviv at 9.

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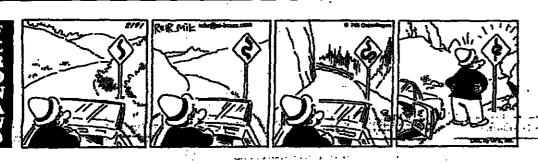
Video-animated masks by Mark Ward and Bill Wise are part of a performance of 'Don Giovanni Revisited' at the Noga Theater.

work in which she dances to live music performed by Zamir Havkin (piano) an Eli Magen (bass). Wednesday and Thursday (9 p.m.) at Habama in Jenisalem.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

BIDDING fever is the same illness whether it strikes over a set of dishes at a local estate sale or over a Van Gogh at one of those high-toned establishments where the man holding the gavel looks like a peer of the realm. And when Jackie Kennedy Onassis's household detritus bears the imprimatur of Sotheby's - stand back. At \$50,000 for a tape measure, how many thousands does that work out to by the inch? In Auction, tonight at 11:30, the BBC takes a look behind the scenes at how Sotheby's operates.



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ACROSS

- 1 Follow the current fashions (2,4,3,6)
- 9 Practise exploitation to stay in business (5.2) 10 Hamstrings a number of
- fellows (7) 11 Failure to produce two Japanese dramas (2-2)
- 12 Brought back components to flog (5)
- 13 Record some of Vivaldi's concertos (4)
- 16 Survive longest against the bowler (7)
- 17 Material put over rich
- sheep's-milk cheese (7) 18 Producer of fruit or
- vegetable (7)
- 21 A little light is tolerable (7)
- 23 Telegraph engenders women's wrath (4) 24 German leader left Welsh county (5)
- 25 Eat noisily? (4)
- 28 Following doggedly and removing the stalks (7)
- 29 Apart from reference to a footnote (7)
- 30 Even countenance publishing columnists' work (7.8)
- DOWN 1 Entered thermal spring
- and encountered trouble (3.4.3.5)2 Now that could be used as
- shelving! (7) 3 Bound to have gained
- equal honours (4)
- 4 Infant displaying very little spirit (4,3)

of executives (4)

5 Passage from former

7 Cockney chap has reason

for arousing passion (7)

8 " — to soothe a savage breast." (Congreve) (5,4,6)

14 Question a seaman in the

15 A priest takes it in bad

19 Stopping up? That's excellent (7)

20 Bet her late husband was a

21 Food for afficionados served

22 Fitting one after another

26 Indicative of future bequests (4)

27 Become the favoured dress

SOLUTIONS

with a flourish (7)

Persian Gulf (5)

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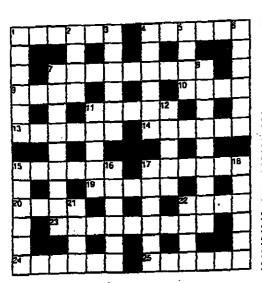
lord! (7)

6 Time to stop, nurse! (4)

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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Arguing (6) 4 Sea trip (6) 7 Proffigate (9) 9 Artistic work (4) 10 Adjoin (4) 11 Solid slice (5)

13 Hairpiece (6) 14 French (6) 15 Stringed 17 Choice (6)

mstroment (6) 19 Cuban dance (5) 20 Incentive (4) 22 Rebuff (4) 23 Petitioner (9) 24 Postale (6) 25 Uncover (6)

DOWN 1 Insurrection (6) 2 Rainbow goddess

3 German dramatist (6) 4 Quoting (6) 5 Forearm bone (4) 6 Of bizarre allure

7 Opulent (9) 8 High-spirited (9) 12 Greek & (5) 15 Tittle-tattle (6) 16 Crease (6)

17 Gratify (6) 18 Suborn (6) 21 Buttocks (4) 22 Short spell (4)

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22:00 Nord (1991, French) - a young man tries to cope with his difficult family. his alcoholic father, crippled sister and domineering mother, while he himself has failed at school. (94 mins.) 23:40 Bas Fonds (1936. French) – Jean Renoir's adaption of Gorky's play about an impoverished nobleman who betriends a thief and moves in with him and other inhabitants of the gutters. With Jean Gabin (88 mins.)

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SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News with Tom Brokew 7:30 ITN World News 8:00 Today 10:00 Supershop 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Morning Reports live from Wall Street 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Adventures 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 20:30 The Seima Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Gillette Sports Magazine 23:30 Horse Racing 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear

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9:30 Motor Sports Magazine 11:00 Soccer: European Cup (rpt) 13:00 Triathlon: World Cup, Japan 15:00

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6:00 Asia Soccer Show 7:00 Car Racing: Formula 1 World Championships, Canada 9:00 Chinese League Soccer 11:00 Sports Magazine 11:30 American Football 12:00 WWF Wrestlemania 13:00 Car Racing 14:00 International Sports Magazine 15:00 Golf: European Tour 16:00 Futbol Mondial 16:30 Asia 16:00 Futbol Mondial 16:30 Asia Sport Show 17:00 Soccer: Youth Cup. England vs Portugal 19:00 Martial Arts from the Far East 20:00 Thai Boxing 21:00 Motorcycle Racing: World Cup, Italy 23:00 Futbol Mondial 23:30 Gillette World of Sport 00:00 Car Racing 1:00 International Sports Manazine. Magazine

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RADIO

WOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Bach: Suite no 1 in G for cello solo BWV 1007 (Bylsma); Boccherini: Piano quintet in E minor op 56/1; Haydn: Symphony no 83 "The Hen;" Beethoven: Piano correcto no 3; Rossini: Misea di Gloria for soloists Rossini: Missa di Gloria for soloists, choir and orch 12:00 Light Classical encore pieces by Sarasate, Novacek, Mozart, Kreisier, Schumann, Saint-Saens, Dussek, Prokoliev, Chopin 13:00 Cellist Steven Issertis – Janacek: Story for cello and plano (with Mustonen); Kabalevsky: Cello concerto no 2; Prokofiev: Concertino in G minor for cello and orch 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Recording Studio – Uri Shoham (flute), Yitzhak Studio – Uri Shoham (flute), Yitzhak Grass (violin), Aharon Yaron (viola), Fefix Nemirovsky (cello). Haydn: Flute quartet; Eddi Halpern: Harlequin's Dance for flute quartet; J.C. Bach: Flute quartet in F; Telemann: Flute quartet in A; Pleyel: Flute quartet in F; J.A. Hasse: Sonata in D minor for flute, and piano (with Y. Castoriano) 18:00 TMy Concert with Uri TZU 18:00 New CDs – John Field: Piano concerto no 4; Dvorak: Quintet in A for piano and strings op 81; works by Bach, Kodaly and Bloch for viola and piano 20:05 From Our Concert Halls — Israel Festival-Jerusalem 1996, Monteverdi Choir, Hamburg, cond. Gothart St J.C. Bach: Motet "Unser Leben ist ein Schatten"; Schutz: Deutsches Schatten"; Schutz: Deutsches Magnificat; Bach: Motet "Der Geist hilft unsrer Schwachheit auf"; Mendelssohn: Three Psalms; Bruckner: Three Sacred Songs; Brahms: Motet 22:00 A Musical

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DAVID RUDGE

SIX people were killed and at least 15 others reported wounded in a massive bomb blast in the heart of the sprawling Ein el-Hil-weh Palestinian refugee camp east of Sidon yesterday morning.

Reports from Lebanon said the explosion occurred in the home of a senior member of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah organization.

It was not known, however, whether the official, Col. Khatab, was among those killed in the blast, which also set off an ammunition dump in the same building and five gas bottles.

The reports from Lebanon said the blast destroyed two houses, including Khatab's, and badly damaged seven others. The cause of the explosion was not immediately known and efforts were still being made last night to identify the bodies.

Meanwhile, Hizbullah's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance. has given its version of the ambush last Monday in which five Nahal soldiers were killed and eight others wounded. At least one of the attackers was killed in

The Lebanese daily A-Safir carried a report which maintained that the ambush had been carefully planned after weeks of

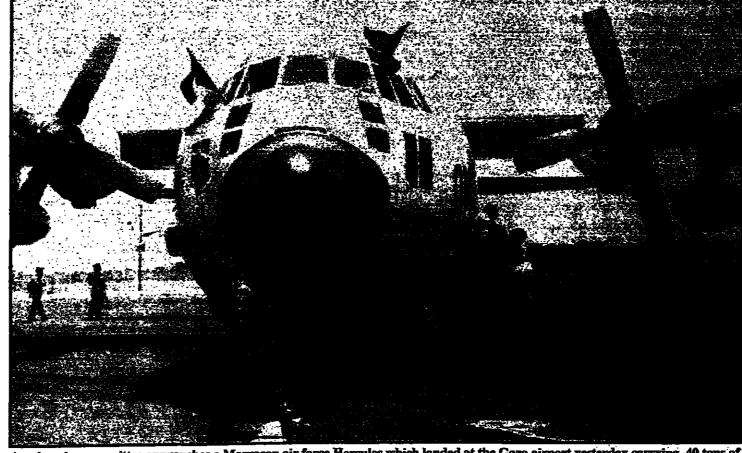
The report quoted an Islamic Resistance source as saying that the organization had identified two targets in the region. The gunmen sent on the operation had been told to chose which one to hit according to their decisions in the field.

"We knew the exact spot of the enemy's nightly ambush. We only used Kalashnikov rifles in an attack that lasted for about 10 minutes," the newspaper quoted the source as saying.

According to the report, one of the gunmen gave covering fire when the rest decided to disengage and withdraw.

"The martyr [the gunman who was killed] advanced and opened fire on an officer and his radio operator, who were trying to establish contact," the source was quoted as saying.

The Islamic Resistance official also maintained that it took a long time for IDF reinforcements to get to the scene.



A welcoming committee approaches a Morrocan air force Hercules which landed at the Gaza airport yesterday carrying 40 tens of

Moroccan plane lands at Gaza airport

RAFAH (AP) - A Moroccan cargo plane carrying 14 tons of medicine and foodstuffs landed at Gaza's new airport yesterday, the first

flight to bring relief aid to Palestinians.

After touchdown, three IDF officers searched the Hercules plane and the cargo. It was only the second landing at the month-old airport, which was inaugurated when Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's plane was transferred to Gaza from Egypt two

"This is a historic day," said Brig. Fayez Zeidan, the head of the Palestinian civil aviation authority. He thanked Moroccan King

Gaza has been suffering economically under the closure imposed on Feb. 25 in response to a series of suicide bombings. Israel still controls air, land, and sea access to Gaza, but the new airport will allow Palestinians

to bring in goods more easily than through the frequently jammed land crossings, Palestinian

Health Minister Riyad Zanoun said. Israel refused to allow two Egyptian helicopters to land at the Gaza airport two weeks ago, reportedly because the airport's operating procedure was still under negotiation. Voice of Palestine radio said the airport,

which presently has only one runway, will be ready to receive more planes next week. The airport is only to be completed within a

year at a total investment of \$48 million. Some \$18 million already has been spent on it.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Meshulam's followers end hunger strike Uzi Meshulam and his followers, dispersed in prisons nationwide following disruptions, yesterday officially ended their 50-day hunger strike, on condition that the group

receives glatt kosher food. Bathing barred at Dead Sea beach The Health Ministry yesterday barred bathing at the Hamei Zohar Beach at the Dead Sea, due to a flow of sewage in the

area that could endanger health. The source of the contamination was the pumping station of the Moriah Hotel, which is not functioning properly.

Officials from the ministry said the ban would be in effect

until the pumping station worked properly. State appeals Dinitz verdict

The state yesterday appealed former Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz's partial acquittal on fraud charges, as well as the lightness of his sentence.

Dinitz was convicted of charging some \$6,700 worth of personal expenses to the agency via his Syms credit card, but was acquitted of charging \$15,400 worth of personal expenses to the agency via an agency American Express card. The Jerusalem District Court sentenced him to an

NIS 40,000 fine. The state is arguing both that the parti acquittal was unjustified, and that the sentence is far too light given the severity of the crime.

Latest terror victim's condition improves Nitza Alush, wounded in the terror attack in Bidiya Sunday in which her husband Meir was shot dead, was allowed out of Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva to attend her husband's funeral in Binyamina yesterday, and then returned to the hospital. Her doctors said she should be

Winning cards in yesterday's Mifal Hapayis dai-

ly Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the 10 of spades, king of hearts, queen of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

AROUND THE WORLD

Rabbi in 'Event' scuffle cleared of two charges

NETANYA Magistrate's Court last week convicted Hebrew University Rabbi Nathan Ophir of behavior threatening the public order and interfering with a policeman in the line of duty. The court exonerated him on two othcr charges - assaulting a public servant and assaulting a police

Ophir was arrested on October 10, 1995 and charged with leading a group of protesters who allegedly tried to break past policemen and General Security Service bodyguards protecting prime minister Yitzhak Rabin during an appearance at the Jerusalem Post-sponsored Event at the Wingate Institute.

Sentence will be handed down in September.

victims want event canceled tion, some 200 people - including THE parents of three teenagers

Parents of Arad Festival

crushed to death during last July's Arad music festival have asked the Tel Aviv District Court to prevent this year's festival from opening because the same organizers, "with blood on their hands," are involved.

The parents of Eitan Peleg, 17, Na'ama El-Kariv, 15, and Chen Yitzhak, 16, said that the conclusions reached after last year's disaster, when the three were trampled to death, have not led to changes, and holding another festival under similar arrangements would be life-threatening.

An additional 150 youngsters were injured in the stampede that occurred before a concert at last vear's festival. In an investiga-

police and security officers, organizers, ticket sellers and the mayor of Arad - were questioned.

In response to the suit, Arad Mayor Bezalel Tabib told Army Radio yesterday that the festival should go ahead "in memory of last year's victims."

The petition was filed against Tabib, the Jewish Agency and the Science and Arts Ministry. The parents also asked that no memorial ceremony be held in Arad without their written consent, since this would only be used by the organizers as a publicity stunt to sell more tickets.

Judge Efraim Shalev scheduled a hearing for July 8.

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to have violent fights with Harazi,, A TEL Aviv man who shot his forthough she never filed a com-mer wife to death was sentenced to 10 years in prison by Tel Aviv plaint with police.

District Court yesterday, after a plea bargain which reduced the in September 1995 Harazi arrived1 at the home of Shahar's neighbor. murder charge to one of and, threatening him with a pistol, ordered him to tell his former wife Amnon Harazi, 44. was drunk to come outside. When Shahar when he shot his ex-wife Ariella stepped outside her apartment, Shahar and had not planned to kill Harazi shot her in the chest. He the mother of his four children, was caught later by police while his lawyers said.

Man gets 10 years

for killing ex-wife

sitting in a coffee shop. Shahar remarried, but continued In court yesterday, he said he regretted his actions and had not meant to kill Shahar.

The prosecution agreed to the manslaughter charge because of difficulties it would have proving the premeditation necessary for a murder conviction.

According to the charge sheet,

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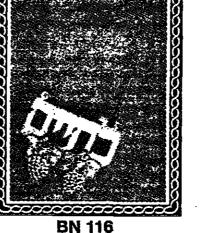
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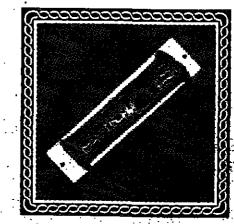


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